

**THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...*



*and to the ends of the earth."*

*Acts 1:8, NRSV*

**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,

Several times as I have been thinking about this letter, it has been pouring outside: April showers! That phrase, of course, reminds me of an old joke, a groaner: “If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?” Answer: “Pilgrims” (I told you it was a groaner!) Of course that joke comes across better when spoken than when written because it is a play on the “*Mayflower*,” the vessel which brought the pilgrims to Plymouth, Massachusetts. Still, it yields a way into thoughts for this month: life as a pilgrimage.

A pilgrimage is a type of journey undertaken by individuals and groups. It is usually undertaken thoughtfully, with a goal in mind, a goal that may be a specific geographic place or a process, such as wanting to deepen one’s spiritual life. Those who undertake the pilgrimage know they are heading out into the unknown and anticipate times of challenge, maybe deprivation or struggle, as well as surprises. They also anticipate that they will grow during the process and find some kind of “reward” or “enrichment” for having embarked on the endeavor. They expect the pilgrimage will have an impact, that it may even profoundly change their lives.

We as New Jerusalem Lutheran Church are marking the 175<sup>th</sup> year of this congregation’s pilgrimage. Many of the phrases in Bishop Zeiser’s sermon on April 19<sup>th</sup> speak to that image. He told us that early on the congregation’s experience “made it clear that *there was no looking back.*” He spoke of the resiliency and spiritual energy that was needed during the journey. He reminded us that at no point, especially not today, could survival be taken for granted. The bishop spoke of how coming together in this place helps us define ourselves in ways that bring joy and meaning. He urged us to *not* consider this celebration as “a tribute to what has been the best that New Jerusalem will ever be.” Instead, he told us to see this anniversary as a celebration of and a recommitment to “what the gospel can accomplish in uncertain circumstances,” and to carry on our heritage of being “agents of transformation.”

Just as the flowers of May will not blossom abundantly unless watered in April, so our spirits and ministry will not flourish unless fed by the gifts of the Spirit which include the waters of baptism, bread and wine, word and community. The *Mayflower* with its pilgrims could not have reached Plymouth without the waters of the Atlantic or favorable winds, so our pilgrimage is not possible without the Spirit (wind) of the Holy One. This month we will remember our baptism each Sunday and celebrate the gift of the Spirit on Pentecost.

May God continue to bless our pilgrimage.

*Pastor Ruth*



# 175 Years...This far by Faith...Still on the Journey

Thank you to everyone who helped start our journey of celebration and remembering the past 175 years of our Church. With God's guidance we look forward to continuing to serve him as our forefathers did before us. We look forward, with excitement, to new beginnings....our history in progress. We invite everyone to join us in weekly worship, fellowship, and projects during this year which will be announced in our bulletin, newsletter, and by word of mouth. Come and experience being part of the Body of Christ.

April 19, 2015 - Celebrated the 175 years of the placement of the first cornerstone in April 20, 1840.

We were pleased to have Bishop Samuel Zeiser, Bishop of the Northeastern PA Synod, Pastor James Dunn, pastor of New Jerusalem United Church of Christ, and Pastor Ruth Doty of New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church with us. We sincerely thank each one of the pastors and Bishop Zeiser for working together to lead us in a beautiful and meaningful worship celebration. Bishop Zeiser, in his sermon reminded us that, "Today's event is a sign that God's love is actively present in our world because this congregation takes seriously its faith and its mission". Bishop Zeiser's sermon also stated how this celebration today points us to the past in order to give thanks for the people whose perseverance and resilience has brought this congregation to our time and gifted us with the responsibility to carry out its ministry in a new day. He said, in effect, 'You have found that coming here helps you define yourself and in being together, you discover a joy and meaning that you do not have by yourself and that is what it means to be part of the Body of Christ.'

It was GREAT to share this with our UCC neighbors and friends, our church family, former church members, and friends of our congregation. Worship attendance was 101! How great was that?! Approximately 90 shared in the luncheon which followed worship.

We give thanks to God for the blessing of newfound friends, laughter and reminiscing over lunch. We felt God's blessing while browsing displays of confirmation pictures dating back to

April 15, 1905, as well as the picture board displays, newsletter articles, books and an old bible, and miscellaneous memorabilia. We felt blessed when looking at a stitched replica of our church building made by Susan Schlenker for our celebration and to grace our church walls later.

Some of the MATURE New Jerusalem Lutheran and UCC members were reminiscing about the time period when the Children's Sunday School had outgrown classroom space. One remembrance in particular was the removal of ground under what is now the offices on the first floor to increase basement space for more Sunday School rooms. Some remembered holding Sunday School throughout the excavating process by placing sheets or something like that on the ground walls that were showing because of "work in progress". One UCC member reminded us that this excavation was a MANUAL labor of love, pick and shovel.

There were MANY hands and hours given for the Glory of God to make this event possible. Many thanks are due to many people, including the Anniversary Committee, Worship & Music Committee, especially Faye Dey as our organist and Choir Director, and Helen Schellenberger for directing our Bell Choir. This list of thanks will no doubt expand as we move forward with our celebratory year. I don't want to miss anyone.

It has been a privilege and FUN to learn more about our forefathers and our Church history by serving on the Anniversary Committee. Because of space, look for a continuation of this article in next month's newsletter.

Taking a quote from Pastor Ruth's Salt article, "In thankfulness to our faithful God and the hard work of those who have gone before us, we celebrate that we have come this far by faith, and are excited to still be on the journey."

Anniversary Committee Members: Sara Jane Beshore, Pastor Ruth Doty, Erma Gajewski, Linda Moyer, Cindy Rissmiller, Susan Schlenker, Dale Schwoyer, Dawn Wengert, Cheryl Wiltrout, and Korinne Hotzman, church secretary.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION

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**MAY SIGN-UP SHEETS** - We are in need of a Flower sponsor for May 24 and Communion Set-up volunteers for May 24 and 31. Thank you to everyone who signed up.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Annabell Keller, our new sister in Christ. Annabell was baptized on Sunday, April 12, 2015. Her parents are Nathan and Rebecca Keller and Abigail is her older sister. We welcome her to the New Jerusalem Lutheran Church family.

**CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17. The service will begin at approximately 9:55 a.m. Please show your support for our choirs and church musicians by attending this service.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY** is Sunday, May 24. The sanctuary will be decorated with **red** geraniums. If you would like to order any geraniums, an order form is included in this newsletter or

there are extra forms on the greeter's table in the narthex. The price is \$2.75 for a 4-inch pot. Order forms and payment are due to the church office by Sunday, May 10.

**The Feast of THE HOLY TRINITY** is Sunday, May 31. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

### **"TABLE BLESSINGS AND MEALTIME PRAYERS"**

- Do you or your family members say any special prayers at mealtime? If you do, we would like to include a collection of these prayers in the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook that is being prepared. Prayers can be submitted to Dawn Wengert at [dmw121069@dejazzd.com](mailto:dmw121069@dejazzd.com), mailed to the church office or emailed to the church office at [njelchurch@windstream.net](mailto:njelchurch@windstream.net).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

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Dear members of New Jerusalem Churches, On behalf of the congregation and pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Bowers, we congratulate you on your celebration of 175 years of history in 2015. We have appreciated working with New Jerusalem Lutheran and New Jerusalem United Church of Christ with our mid-week Lenten worship with the Brandywine Churches. We continue working with both of your congregations in other areas such as Vacation Bible School and our mid-week Bible studies.

We look forward to hearing more about your on-going celebrations during this year. We pray God's continuing blessings on your mission and ministries!

We are grateful to be in fellowship with you through our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Elizabeth A. Haines

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## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The first Thursday of May each year is designated as a day for the people of our country to pray. Yes, there is separation of state and church in America, but religious people in our nation would never vote for the separation of America from God.



This country surely will always remain, "one nation under God." Therefore we are right to set aside a day for national prayer—a day when we can beseech God's guidance regarding our nation's policies and actions, and pray for the general welfare of all citizens, especially for the helpless and those suffering injustices.

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 7

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# Church News

**SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE** will be held Tuesday through Wednesday, May 5-6. The cost is \$5.00 per pie. Please contact the church office if you would like to order any pies. Thank you!

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** will be held on Sunday, May 10. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Join us to thank our mothers and mother-figures for all that they do.

**GEAR UP FOR EVEREST!** "Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power": that's the theme for this year's VBS to be held at Christ Mertz/Dryville July 13-17, 6-8 p.m. If you come at 5:30, you can chow down with others about to set out on this expedition. The program is free and geared for 3 years old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. Volunteers are needed to help guide and feed the "climbing crews" (campers). See Dawn Wengert, Cindy Rissmiller or Pastor Ruth for more information.

If you wish to volunteer at VBS, you are invited to attend the next planning meeting on Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Mertz, Dryville.

**DEADLINE** for the June 2015 newsletter is Sunday, May 24.

## **CAMP NOAH 2015 - CRISFIELD, MARYLAND July 25-31, 2015**

We believe in the resurrection! And because we do, Lutheran Congregational Services will be supporting two Camp Noah teams this summer to the Crisfield, MD area whose long-term ongoing struggles with economic challenges and poor housing were exacerbated by Hurricane Sandy.

Many members of New Jerusalem are already getting on board to help launch this exciting program.

Camp Noah, a program of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, is a day camp program delivered within a child's community and uses a curriculum designed to help children process their disaster and trauma experience through creative activities and play. Lutheran Congregational Services has been involved with the program since 2006, and these will be our 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> camps. Since we have seen how God's Spirit works through this program to bring healing and growth not only for campers, but also to communities and members of the volunteer teams, we hope you will join us in this exciting work by:

- 1) Volunteering to serve on one or both of the Camp Noah teams.
- 2) Putting together Kids Kits, writing and art supplies needed by each camper.
- 3) Making tied fleece blankets for campers.
- 4) Donating to Lutheran Congregational Services to support its various ministries of healing and resiliency training for children, youth and families, including its involvement with Camp Noah.

*For more information see the bulletin board in the narthex, speak with Pastor Ruth, 484.553.1162, or contact Lutheran Congregational Services, 610.770.9205*

*All donations can be given to Pastor Ruth or sent or delivered to Lutheran Congregational Services, 1923 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109 and are tax deductible. Please make donation checks out to Lutheran Congregational Services and leave the memo blank. Checks for registration should include "Camp Noah Registration" in the memo.*



**UNLEASHED! THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
SYNOD ASSEMBLY MEETS MAY 29th TO 30th AT  
SANTANDER ARENA IN READING.**

Unleashed? Yes! Set free to follow Jesus Christ, to live out our baptismal callings and to do big, bold things for the gospel.

Ted and Betty Eshbach will represent our congregation at this exciting gathering of Lutherans from hundreds of churches across our synod. You are invited to visit, learn and join the festivities as well!

Featured presenter, the Reverend Doctor Karl Krueger, professor at our Philadelphia seminary, will bring the Bible and History of God and church to life before our eyes and help us discover how being “unleashed” connects us with the same Spirit that empowered Martin Luther and the whole Reformation Movement 500 years ago. Special Musical Guest, Ken Medema, will share his passion for learning and discovery through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind, singing stories he gets from us, accenting our unique mission here in northeastern Pennsylvania and revealing what “unleashed” can really mean. To top off the experience, we will have an opportunity to romp in “God’s Playground” on Saturday afternoon, taking part in live service projects and discovering new ministries for our congregation.

Everyone is invited. A special concert with Ken Medema will begin at 2:30 on Saturday.

For more information see the bulletin board or Pastor Ruth.

**SPECIAL FREE WILL OFFERING MAY 10 & 17**

In preparation for the assembly we at New Jerusalem will be collecting funds Ted and Betty can contribute to the two offerings that will be taken at the synod assembly. Funds will be split between the ELCA World Hunger appeal and the Campaign for the ELCA.

**WHAT IN THE WORLD IS *THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELCA?***

You’ll be hearing a lot about this in the coming months. The Campaign for the ELCA is our wider church’s commitment to look to the future of this church and boldly respond to the needs of the world with a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

During the next five years we will raise \$198 million to help our church grow communities of faith, form new leaders, welcome our neighbors, overcome malaria, confront hunger and poverty, accompany our global companion churches and much more. Together we can achieve things on a scale and scope we could never do otherwise.



The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the  
oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to  
proclaim liberty to the captives, and release  
to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the  
Lord’s favor... (Isaiah 61:1-2a)

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY WITH A QUILT SHOW AND TEA** held at St. Peter's UCC, 122 W. Franklin Street, Topton, on Thursday, May 7, from 5-8 p.m. Come see the quilts in our beautiful sanctuary. Refreshments will be in the fellowship hall. There is a \$5.00 donation.

**KIDS DISCOVER EXPO** - Saturday, May 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at DaVinci Science Center, 3145 Hamilton Blvd. Bypass. For kids of all ages. Come and explore the world of science, technology and the arts at this FREE and fun event. For more info. Call 610-965-9933.

**KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY CHOIR** will be holding their annual spring choral concert on Sunday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 W. Main Street, Kutztown.

**ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP** will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Home in Topton.

**BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT** will be held on Friday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. **Senior citizens** are welcome to attend **free of charge!** The general public can pre-purchase tickets for \$3.00 each or for \$4.00 at the door on the day of the concert.

**BIKE FOR WORLD HUNGER**  
Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bob Rodale Fitness and Cycling Park, Mosser Road, Breinigsville. What is Bike for World Hunger? It's an annual event sponsored by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to raise money for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



It's an opportunity to join with other people of faith for a day to do something to care for the 1.4 billion people in our world who are hungry. You can ride a bike, or walk, or run, or rollerblade. By getting sponsors, you raise money to send to the ELCA World Hunger

Appeal. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the picnic pavilion. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. Check out [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) for registration forms, waivers, and sponsors sheets.

**TOPTON STREET FAIR & CLASSIC CAR CRUISE**  
Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in downtown Topton. Sponsored by Topton Centennial Committee.

**LOAVES AND FISHES** group will be holding their last meal for the season on Tuesday, May 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 121 S. Home Avenue, Topton. Everyone is welcome! They will be resuming meals again Tuesday, September 15.

**RELAY FOR LIFE WALK** will be held from 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, at Kutztown University.



**COMMUNITY YARD SALE**  
Boy Scout Troop 585 will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Yard Sale on New Jerusalem's parking

lot on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Due to the overwhelming response from church members, we are accepting donated items at the Boy Scout cabin after the church service on Sunday, June 7, 2015. If this day/time doesn't work for you or you are unable to bring your items, please see Dan or Sheila Gehman to make other arrangements.

If you would like to set up your own space, the cost is a \$10.00 donation to the Boy Scouts.

Or come and see if you can find any hidden treasures. In addition to the yard sale, we will also be having a bake sale to benefit the church. For more information, contact Sheila at 610-730-3304.

**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
Statement of Accounts  
March 31, 2015**

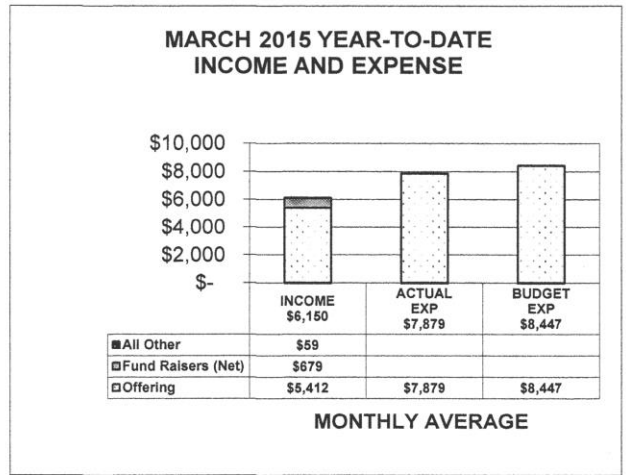
<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 28,303.45
Thrivent	5,936.94
Checking	7,262.42
Youth	966.33
Fidelity	173,574.82
Cash Reserve	24,503.75
Endowment CD	11,153.82

**March 2015 — 'Actual' vs. 'Required'  
Income**

	<u>Income</u>		
<u>Income</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Delta</u>
Operating Expenses	\$8,440.42	\$9,109.00	\$ 668.58

*Actual Income includes \$2,200.00 Estimated Profit from Shoo-fly Pie Sale*

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2015 Budget Passed by Congregation*



**CALENDAR YEAR 2015 INFORMATION  
NORMAL OPERATIONS  
(DOES NOT INCLUDE MAJOR REPAIRS/PURCHASES)**

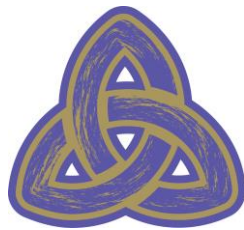
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE ACTIVITY MARCH 2015 YEAR-TO-DATE</b>			
	<u>Mar Y-T-D</u>	<u>Average Month</u>	
<b>Income</b>			
Offering	\$ 16,236	\$	5,412
Fund Raisers	\$ 2,036		679
Other	\$ 179		59
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 18,451</b>		<b>6,150</b>
<b>Actual Exp</b>	<b>\$ 23,638</b>		<b>7,879</b>
<b>Budget Exp</b>	<b>\$ 25,341</b>		<b>8,447</b>
<b>Shortage *</b>	<b>\$ (6,890)</b>		<b>(2,297)</b>

\*NOTE: Shortage - Total Income to BUDGET Expense



**Triquetra**

This early symbol for the Holy Trinity is formed from three equal arcs. The arcs represent equality, the continuous line expresses eternity and the interweaving represents indivisibility. At the center is a triangle, another symbol of the Trinity. Because of its beauty and simplicity, the triquetra is often used as a design element in church architecture.



Since you asked:

What was that the bishop was carrying at our anniversary service? It's called a crozier. And, yes, it looks like a shepherd's staff.

A bishop's crozier is a pastoral staff that is conferred on bishops (and abbots) at their installation. In the West, the top of the crozier is curved to mimic the look of a shepherd's crook which symbolizes his pastoral care of the people entrusted to him. The crozier is a reminder of the bishop's need to keep watch over this entire flock.



Some of you may have noticed Luther's seal within the curve of the staff. Watch this newsletter for more details about the particular crozier that Bishop Zeiser carried.





## GROWING IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER COMMITTEE

Finally, we are in the season of Spring, where we can again enjoy God's creation: the beautiful Spring flowers, birds singing for us each morning, bunnies and squirrels playing, jumping, and running as if to say "Thank you Lord, this is a beautiful day". "This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it".

We thank God for the Gift of mothers. Not just on Mother's Day, but every day, we need to thank God for the wonderful person He placed in our lives. The unselfish, loving mother that nurtured us, saw us fall and helped us get up and make us feel ALL better. She spent however many nights it took to make us comfortable when we were ill, and rejoiced with us in our accomplishments, however small they may have been. I have a magnet on my refrigerator that says, "As long as there are mothers, there will be love in the world."

Memorial Day, May 25, 2015, is a national day of remembrance which is observed in order to keep memories alive. It is a day to honor the memory of the men and women who lost their lives while serving our country through our armed forces, soldiers who gave Uncle Sam a blank check with their lives. We thank God for the courage of these soldiers, pray for all their families, and continue to work to guard the freedoms which they struggled to protect not only for us, but for others in the world.

Dear Lord, we thank you for all those who sacrificed so that we might live in freedom. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Use the memories of their service to teach us how to value, protect and share the many gifts you have given all who live in this nation, gifts and privileges for which our forefathers and foremothers gave their lives. Protect those who currently serve in our armed forces. Give comfort, courage and hope to those who wait for news of loved ones who are currently serving in harm's way. All this we ask in your name. Amen.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
RELAY FOR LIFE  
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY  
May 29 and 30, 2015

Theme: Carnival

Luminary order forms are on the table in the narthex. Luminaries need to be ordered by Monday, May 11, 2015. \$10.00 per luminaria.

Cheryl has Relay for Life raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. If you want some, or want some to sell for us, please see Cheryl. The drawing will be held Saturday, May 30, at our Relay campsite.

Everyone is welcome to join us to help raise money for the American Cancer Society and come to join in some very moving ceremonies on Friday evening, and more on Saturday.

As soon as I have definite times for the various laps and programs, I will post them in the Narthex. This year our KU Relay Board is trying to increase the attendance with new ideas.

We will be setting up our campsite prior to 3 p.m. on Friday. Definite time will be given soon. If anyone is interested in coming out to help, let Erma or Sue Schlenker know.

Forms for Purple Signs, Luminaries, or registration are on the table in the Narthex.

Any questions, you can ask any relay, or call me at 610-468-9322. Our goal is to have a world with LESS CANCER and MORE BIRTHDAYS - Help us "FINISH THE FIGHT".

Your fellow relay, *Erma*

Website for ACS, Kutztown University Relay is: [www.relayforlife.org/pakutztown](http://www.relayforlife.org/pakutztown).



## The Amazing Power of Pentecost

When Jesus was arrested, his apostles had fled in fear. Peter found himself in a situation where fear compelled him to deny that he even knew Christ. All of Christ's followers were in hiding—broken-hearted, totally confused, feeling absolutely hopeless.

Then, on the Jewish Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon them.

Suddenly, they were empowered. Immediately, they were galvanized. Right then and there, they were filled with enormous courage.

Boldly, forthrightly, not far from the site of the crucifixion, they began to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead and that he was most certainly the long-awaited Messiah.



The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story of Christ as best he could. Then Peter offered his hearers the opportunity of becoming Christ's followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded to the offer at that very minute. (See Acts 2:41) We call that event the birthday of the Church.

Suzanne de Dietrich writes this about Pentecost: 'A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community; people gave their hearts to God, and shared their possessions with their brethren. These Christians could not keep silent. Their joyful liberty had broken down all the walls behind which people would like to keep them; no prison could silence them.' The power of God upon them and within them was truly astounding.

(from *Free Men* by Suzanne de Deitrich)

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## PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care Facilities:** Dallas and Anna Angstadt, Cliff Barlet, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Jean Deysher, Karl Fenstermacher, Paul and Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Myrtle Merkel, Irene Noll, Mildred Reinert, Warren Reinhart, Joyce Rothermel, Betty Stoudt, and Arlene Yob.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Members:** Myles Angstadt, Ted Eshbach, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Penny Keller, Sheila Long, and Dale Schwoyer.

**Friends of the congregation:** Jolyn Blankenbiller, Kyle Caskie, Shirley Diaz, Olivia Fenstermacher, Marilyn Franzi, Corinne Hersh, Leah K. and Lisa K., Brian Kennedy, Lauren Kinney, Mildred Leiby, Lorraine Lindbuchler, Sandra "Cookie" Miller, Family and friends of Jeff Mershon, Russell Roeder, Andrew S., Jerry Schwambach, Donna Schwoyer, Tom Spraut, Jack Stoudt, Linda Torres, Frances Walter, Judy Werner, Marlene Wike, Cindy Wilt, Carl Wuchter, and Lisa Ziegler.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For all our military personnel serving around the world, those impacted by the Nepal area earthquake, and for peace in the world, especially the Middle East and the Ukraine.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Baby Adelene, Evelyn Collins, Ralph Harris, Mae Hertzog, Linda Moyer, Josh S., Theresa S., and Karen W.

Thank  
you!

To the Prayer Committee at New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church: Sincere thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl you have given to me to help get me through my cancer treatment. I will take it with me as I get through my weeks of chemotherapy. I appreciate your work on this shawl and mostly your prayers for me. Love, *Lorraine Lindbuchler*

## STEWARDS OF CREATION

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has asked us to be on the lookout for a new invasive insect. *Lycorma delicatula*, also known as lanternfly. This pest has the potential to severely affect the health of trees and vines, especially grape vines. It has also been found on apple and peach trees, hardwoods and pines. All of these plants are important in Pennsylvania's economy. (Did you know that our state ranks is the number one exporter for the U.S. in hardwoods, number four in Christmas tree production, and fifth in number of jobs related to grape production?) Clearly we have much to lose if this pest is not eradicated.



Parts of Berks County are under quarantine due to this pest. We are asked to participate in its elimination by 1) learning to recognize and report spotted lanternfly, and 2) volunteering to band trees. We must also be very careful not to move outdoor items from this quarantine area and learn to check for and eliminate spotted lanternfly egg masses, adults and nymphs. For more information go to [www.pda.state.pa.us/spottedlanternfly](http://www.pda.state.pa.us/spottedlanternfly) or call 717.772.5228. More information is on the bulletin board.



- 2 Derick Wartzluft
- 4 Karl Fenstermacher
- 4 Dana Wartzluft
- 6 Lori Boyer
- 7 Erma Gajewski
- 8 David Moyer, Jr.
- 11 Paul Hertzog
- 15 Sharon Guinther
- 15 Susan Schlenker
- 16 Jason Hess
- 16 Amanda Wagaman
- 22 Daniel Gehman
- 26 Nancy Esbenshade
- 26 Joshua Keck
- 26 Olivia Moyer
- 28 Cristy Herman



- 17 Donald and Erma Gajewski (35 years)
- 20 Blane and Jennifer Musser (15 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.***

## **THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **May**

3	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W)
◆10	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter (W) ▪ Mother's Day (breakfast served at 8:30 a.m.)
17	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter (W) ▪ Church Music Sunday
*24	10:00 AM	Day of Pentecost – Holy Communion (R)
31	10:00 AM	The Holy Trinity – Holy Communion (W)

### **June**

* 7	10:00 AM	Second Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
14	10:00 AM	Third Sunday after Pentecost (G)
◆21	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Father's Day (breakfast served at 8:30 a.m.)
28	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Congregational Vote

### **July**

5	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
* 12	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)
19	10:00 AM	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
●26	10:00 AM	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Church Picnic (held after worship)

#### **FELLOWSHIP DATES:**

- ( \* ) Fellowship after worship
- ( ◆ ) Breakfast before worship
- ( ● ) Picnic after worship





### SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.



**What you need:**

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- Paper plates
- Paper towels

**What you do:**

1. With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
2. Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
3. Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
4. Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.



Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

*Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.*

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SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV



Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

## **MAY SERVICE ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR CANDLES</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>BULLETINS</b>
5/3	Gladys Kline	Cindy Rissmiller	<i><b>(volunteer needed)</b></i>	Cliff & Sue Schlenker	Cliff & Sue Schlenker
5/10	Denny Beshore	Sara Jane Beshore	<i><b>(volunteer needed)</b></i>	The Wengert family	Lloyd & Linda Moyer
5/17	Joshua Keck	Gladys Kline	<i><b>(volunteer needed)</b></i>	Lisa Landis	Todd Wagaman & family
5/24	Jeannette DeLong	Roy Merkel	<i><b>(volunteer needed)</b></i>	<i><b>(sponsor needed)</b></i>	Gladys Kline
5/31	Lucille Jones	Dawn Wengert	<i><b>(volunteer needed)</b></i>	Lisa Landis	Lloyd & Linda Moyer

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Schlenker and Faye Dey

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Lloyd and Linda Moyer

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** The Bailey family

**COMMUNION BREAD:** 5/3 – Tara Basta; 5/24 – Gladys Kline; 5/31 – Dale Schwoyer

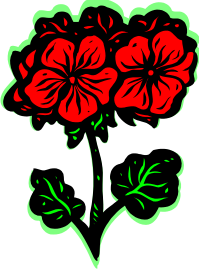
**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 5/3 – Faye Dey; 5/24 - ***(volunteer needed)***; 5/31 – ***(volunteer needed)***

**COUNCIL PERSON:** Linda Moyer, 610-641-9349

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

# MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 3:00-7:00pm-Spring Campfire (no rain date)
3 Fifth Sunday of Easter ▪ Holy Communion	4 Shoo-fly Pie Bake →	5 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Choir	6	7 5:00-8:00pm-Quilt Show and Tea, St. Peters UCC, Topton	8	9 11:00am-2:00pm- Kids Discover Expo, DaVinci Science Center
10 Sixth Sunday of Easter ▪ Breakfast (served 8:30-9:15am) ▪ Geranium Orders Due 7:00pm-Kutztown Comm. Choir, Trinity Lutheran, Kutztown <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b>	11 7:00pm-Finance Committee Mtg.	12 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Choir	13	14 7:00pm-Worship at Lutheran Home, Topton  Ascension of the Lord	15 7:00pm-Brandywine Heights Spring Concert	16 9:00am-1:00pm-Bike for World Hunger 9:00am-3:00pm- Topton Street Fair  Armed Forces Day
17 Seventh Sunday of Easter ▪ Church Music Sunday	18 7:00pm-Council Mtg.	19 5:30-7:30pm-Loaves and Fishes Meal  7:00pm-Choir	20 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon	21 9:00am-W&M Committee Meeting  6:30pm-VBS Planning Meeting, Christ Mertz, Dryville	22	23
24 Day of Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship	25  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	26 7:00pm-Choir	27	28	29 Synod Assembly, Santander Arena  Relay for Life, Kutztown University	30 Synod Assembly, Santander Arena  Relay for Life, Kutztown University
31 The Holy Trinity ▪ Holy Communion						



# PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 24, 2015

## GERANIUM ORDER FORM

If you would like to purchase red geraniums for Pentecost, please fill out the information below. The price is \$2.75 for a 4-inch pot. Please return with payment to the church office or place in offering plate no later than Sunday, May 10. Thank you!

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ ENV NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DEDICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>Qty.</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	X	\$2.75	\$ _____

### PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my flower(s) after the Pentecost service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please donate my flower(s) to a homebound member.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please plant my flower(s) at church.