

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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

*We are a group of people who
gather together in friendship and love
to worship God, to spread God's Word,
and to care for God's people.*



Be not afraid! Sing out for joy! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On Easter morning we opened our service with the words above: “Be not afraid! Sing out for joy! Christ is risen, Alleluia!” (Alleluia means “praise Ya/Yahweh”, an ancient name for the Hebrew God, our God.) Then we heard the stories of how the first disciples learned of the resurrection. It involved a lot of running around, running out of fear, then out of fear mixed with joy, then out of joy, and, finally, fear and joy mixed with peace.

Next we talked about how there is a lot of running around going on in our lives and we are faced with the question of whether this running is done out of fear and anxiety or out of joy and even peace?

This question continues to confront us in May. As I listen to the news, I hear much that triggers fear and anxiety. As Korinne and I discussed the special days coming up in May, there is quite a mix: May 1 – May Day, once a time to celebrate spring, then usurped by communist governments as a time to display military power. May 14th – Mother’s Day, a time to celebrate love, self-giving love, and families when we will also observe Church Music Sunday. May 20th – Armed Forces Day, a time to honor those who have served or are serving in our military. May 25th – Ascension Day, a time to celebrate when Christ finished his ministry in the flesh as Jesus of Nazareth and ascended to our God where he/God continues in power to be involved in ministry not only on this earth, but in the universe. And then there is May 29th – Memorial Day, a day when we remember the people who have died while serving in this country’s armed forces. As I list these days, I am struck with how each one has something to do with power, whether that be the power of spring to drive out winter, the power of love, the power of music, the power of military endeavors, the power of God.

There are other powers loose in the world. Today I received a reminder from our ELCA that May is Mental Health month, including a reminder of the power of mental illness and depression, particularly hopelessness that leads to suicide. 2.6 times more people die in the US from suicide than from homicide. Worldwide there are far more suicides recorded than combat deaths and homicides combined. Twenty-two veterans or current members of the military die *each day* by suicide. (See article on page 6.)

But there are also powers loose in the world that work to bring hope and true personal and world peace. Witness the power of groups of people united to rebuild communities after a disaster and to feed the hungry. Think of how our community of faith works to defeat cancer, help people around the world feed their families, provide presents for children, and hats and scarves for seafarers who transport our goods. This month we will put our heads and hands together to begin to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief, quilts that will be used not only for warmth, but also to carry possessions or provide shelter from the sun. These are ways the word gets out: “Christ is risen! Christ has overcome the powers that make death and despair!”

As we journey through May, may our individual and community activities be increasingly motivated by the joy, peace and power God alone can give. May our words and deeds ever more clearly proclaim:

Be not afraid! Sing out for joy! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

*Jacques Berthier, Taize Community ELW 388
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Pastor Ruth

NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at the April 10th meeting:

- Council members discussed their reactions to Pastor Mike Bennethum's review of the Vitality Project. They will schedule a time in the near future to begin to focus on items identified.
- The Property Committee reported that the sump pump was hooked up to the generator.
- Quotes will be obtained to have the floor of the bell tower resealed to prevent leaks into the narthex.
- The confirmation class will be baking cookies for shut-ins and elders on April 28th.
- The Mutual Ministry Committee is reviewing the other committees at New Jerusalem to see how they're functioning and what their expectations are.
- It was decided that New Jerusalem will again hand out information about cancer and prayer bracelets during God's Playground at the Synod Assembly.
- Representatives from New Jerusalem will attend food safety training in June. See article on page 4.

MAY SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of a Bulletin sponsor for May 21st, a Communion Set-up volunteer for May 7th, and an Altar Guild volunteer for May.

SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE

New Jerusalem will be holding a shoo-fly pie bake sale on **Tuesday, May 2nd, to Wednesday, May 3rd**. If you would like to order any pies, please contact the church office. Pies are only \$5/each.

ART OF THE REFORMATION

Lisa Norris, PhD, Associate Professor of Art History at Kutztown University, will be presenting the artistic representation of one of the world's great religious movements, on **Monday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m.** at St. John's Chapel, Kutztown University.

CELEBRATING A MOTHER'S LOVE

When you have lost a child, Mother's Day is an extremely difficult holiday. This event is to share in the highs and lows of losing a child while celebrating Mother's Day. Members of Hope, Bowers (550 Fleetwood Road) invite you to join them on **Saturday, May 13th, 12 noon to 3 p.m.** Lunch includes cold buffet, beverages, and dessert. Cost is \$12/adult and \$6/children under 10. Call 610-682-4970 for more information. RSVP by Saturday, May 6th.

BIKE FOR WORLD HUNGER – May 13th

Join with other people of faith to do something to care for the nearly 1½ billion hungry people in our world at the synod's 5th annual Bike-A-Thon for World Hunger 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Bob Rodale Cycling & Fitness Park in Breinigsville (directly across from the velodrome). You can ride a bike, walk, run, or rollerblade. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. See you at the park! Registration forms are on our bulletin board.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Join us on **Sunday, May 14th**, to celebrate and thank our mothers for all that they do with a delicious breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:15 a.m.

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY – May 14th

Mark your calendar for Church Music Sunday on Mother's Day, May 14th. Our confirmands will join choir members in raising our voices in song to praise our God who loves us as the best parent loves her or his child.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FORUMS

The **Lutheran Home at Topton** runs Bereavement Support Forums the third Wednesday of each month from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** in Deibert Hall, first floor of D-wing. On **May 17th**, – *Letting Go: What to Do with My Loved One's Possessions*. Crafts, refreshments and a time for sharing will follow each program or presentation.

LEND A HAND – MAKE QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Members and friends are invited to join in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Help is needed to:

- 1) supply material for tops – cotton, blend or polyester as long as it is washable;
- 2) supply fillers: old blankets, sheets, mattress pads to be put between layers;
- 3) cut material into squares to be assembled into quilt tops;
- 4) machine stitch pieces together to make the tops;
- 5) assemble the layers;
- 6) tie or machine stitch the layers together; and
- 7) finish off the edges.

We will start work on **Wednesday, May 17th at 4:30 p.m.** downstairs and share supper while we work. Let Sue Schlenker know if you can come or would like to be involved. No special skill required. Work can also be done at home. This will be an ongoing project.

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, May 21st**.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 29th**, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

FOOD SAFETY COURSE – June 20th

A FREE state-certified non-profit food safety course will be held on **Tuesday, June 20th**, from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Church in Hamburg. This course is for those churches who hold banquets, dinners, bakes, etc. After attending the course, participants receive PA non-profit Food Certification! We need to get as many people certified as possible. If you are able to attend, please contact Jill Robertson at 610.375.6108 or jrobertson@readingberkschurches.org. Also let Cheryl Wiltrout or Gladys Kline know of your interest.

2017 NEW JERUSALEM TEAM FOR KUTZTOWN RELAY FOR LIFE

We have collected quite a number of books so far, but much more is needed. Please consider donating your un-needed books and used videos (DVD's). You can bring your donations to church on Sunday

or drop them off during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you!

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP AND DAILY FAITH PRACTICES RESOURCES

Made available by the ELCA, Daily Discipleship and Daily Faith Practices are Bible studies based on the lectionary we use at Sunday worship. Daily Discipleship is based on the Gospel Lesson and Daily Faith Practices is based on the Second Lesson. These resources help us to continue to focus on our lessons during the week.

As of April 23rd, we have started distributing these at worship and mailing them to shut-ins. You can also click on the links below to access the Bible studies.

[Daily Discipleship – Year A Easter](#)

[Daily Faith Practices – Year A Easter](#)

Please let Pastor Ruth know whether or not you find these resources to be helpful.

ATTENTION GRADUATES!

Are you or someone in your family graduating this year? This could be from high school, college, or any higher education. We would love to include it in our newsletter.



Please have all information to the church office by Sunday, May 21st for inclusion in the June newsletter. Thank you!

Name _____

What school are you graduating from? _____

What degree did you earn? _____

What are your future plans? _____

CONFIRMAND RETREAT

If you wondered where all our confirmands had gone April 2nd, all 7 were at Bear Creek Camp celebrating Meals of Freedom (Passover and Lord's Supper) with 33 other youth from Berks County. Starting on Friday evening we learned about when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt and the wonders God worked through Moses to deliver God's beloved. Saturday we participated in activities that helped us understand more details of the Exodus story and think about how many people today yearn to be free from forces that inhibit their freedom. We also made bread for our evening meal. During afternoon crafts we made large butterflies that now grace New Jerusalem's communion rail.

Later on Saturday we journeyed with Jesus' disciples to the upper room, participated in the type of Passover (Seder) Meal they might have celebrated, and then followed them to the Garden of Gethsemane, the courts of the chief priests and Pilate, the cross and the tomb.

Breakfast on Sunday was interrupted with the news that the tomb was empty! Then together we celebrated the feast of freedom Jesus gave to us before being commissioned to return home and share the freedom we have in Christ.

In between sessions we had lots of fun despite the mud and snow!!! (*But what do you expect in the Poconos in early spring?*) The sun did return on Sunday (how appropriate!) and spotlighted the beauty of this area of God's creation.

Thanks to David Moyer, Sr. and Cindy and Ty Rissmiller for helping. – *Pastor Ruth*

REPORT OF POT-PIE DINNER

130 people joined us on April 22nd to share a delicious pot pie dinner while 30 enjoyed carry-out. Thank you to all who helped us experience God's gift of community through this event.

REPORT ON REFORMATION 500 BOOKSTORE

Through our participation in the Reformation 500 Bookstore, members purchased 50 books about the Reformation at half-price, netting \$375 for our ELCA publishing company, Augsburg Fortress. Loaner copies of the 17 free books the congregation received are available on the bookshelf in the overflow area of the church.

NEWS & EVENTS

in the community

FIRST RESPONDER RALLY

A First Responder Rally will be held on **Saturday, May 6th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Blue Marsh Lake – Dry Brooks Day Use Area. Lots of fun and interactive activities for the community. Open to the public. Held rain or shine. See the bulletin board for more information.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mental Health Month was created in 1949 to raise awareness about mental health conditions and the importance of mental wellness for all. In the spirit of the month, the ELCA recommends that all congregational and community leaders create and encourage a dialogue with congregation and community members about mental health awareness and the destigmatizing of mental illness. Nearly every person in the pews has been touched by mental illness in some way; individuals and families do not need to suffer in silence. Our faith communities can be an active and sympathetic sanctuary for people living with a mental illness, their family members, friends, advocates and allies. Help is available to you, and there is hope for all of us!

When the righteous call for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken (Psalm 34:17-20).

More information and resources:

- [Mental Health America](#)
- [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 800-273-TALK (8255)**

Blessings,



Rachel Bouman
Program Director, Disability Ministries
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

LUTHERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION MINISTRY

The mission of Lutheran Suicide Prevention Ministry (LSPM) is to eliminate death-by-suicide. LSPM accomplishes this through awareness, education and advocacy. Our ministry acts on the goals from the 1999 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted social message, [Suicide Prevention](#). We are a grass-roots organization, empowered by volunteers who have been affected by mental illness and/or suicide.

LSPM provides congregations with resources, communication guidelines and proactive methods to reduce the stigma around talking about mental illness and suicide and to create a welcoming, accepting environment for all. We are a non-profit corporation and an independent Lutheran organization working to implement suicide prevention policies approved by the ELCA.

More than [42,000](#) Americans die by suicide every year compared to fewer than [16,000](#) by homicide. [Worldwide](#), there are far more suicides recorded than combat deaths and homicides combined. [Twenty-two](#) veterans or current members of the military die each day by suicide.

During Mental Health Month, which occurs every May, we encourage all congregations to destigmatize, discuss and provide resources devoted to advocating for increased mental health awareness and suicide prevention. For these resources, go to lutheransuicideprevention.org or e-mail Sherry Bryant at sher44@msn.com for more information or assistance.

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
800-273-8255; press 1 for veterans**

Sherry Bryant, Lutheran Suicide Prevention Ministry

CAMP NOAH TO FLOAT AGAIN THIS SUMMER

Several Lutheran congregations in Berks County are uniting to staff a Camp Noah **July 8-15**. (Camp Noah is a day camp program specifically designed to assist children impacted by a disaster.) While we are not yet sure which site we will be serving, we are starting to put the team together. If you would like to volunteer to participate, please see Pastor Ruth who is helping to coordinate this project. Possible sites include Indiana, Michigan, and South Carolina.

THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor Ruth and church members,
Thank you for your kindness to my aunt, Jean Deysher. Your visits, cards and prayers “made her day.”

Also, thank you for attending her funeral on that post-blizzard day. Our family enjoyed hearing all the “Jean stories” and putting faces to names who Aunt Jean talked about in her church life.

We wish you all a blessed and happy Easter! –
Diane, Linn, Rachel and Adam Bell, Janet and Mark Brossman

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Dear New Jerusalem,
During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. – *Anna Angstadt and families*

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Dear members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous food donation to the Brandywine Food Pantry. Sincerely, St. Peter’s UCC

THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Most Christians pray daily, but one day a year is set aside as a National Day of Prayer. The first Thursday in May (May 4, 2017) is designated as a day for the people of the United States to offer prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals. Here are some thoughts on prayer:

We must come out from prayer the most rapturous and sweet, only to do harder and even harder works for God and our neighbors. – *St. Teresa of Avila*

Prayer is not an old woman’s idle amusement. Properly understood and applied, it is the most potent instrument of action. Prayer is not asking. It is a longing for the soul. It is daily admission of one’s weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart. – *Mahatma Gandhi*

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain for me night and day. – *Alfred Lord Tennyson*, “Morte D’Arthur”

A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel. – *Unknown*



- 2 Derick Wartzluft
- 4 Dana Wartzluft
- 7 Erma Gajewski
- 8 David Moyer, Jr.
- 15 Sharon Guinther
- 15 Susan Schlenker
- 16 Jason Hess
- 22 Daniel Gehman
- 26 Nancy Esbenshade
- 26 Joshua Keck
- 26 Olivia Moyer
- 28 Cristy Herman



- 17 Donald and Erma Gajewski (37 years)
- 20 Blane and Jennifer Musser (17 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.

Even he who died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of his mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last wordly thought—the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight to heaven.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Happy Mother's Day!

Did You Know?

Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei — Latin for “Lamb of God” — seated on a book (perhaps the Lamb’s Book of Life, Revelation 13:8), symbolizes the final judgment. The seven seals shown in the image align with the seven attributes that Christ is worthy to receive, according to praises around the heavenly throne: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (Revelation 5:12, NIV).



THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

In “What Did He Die For?” Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day – and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year old soldier fighting for America’s freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

“What did he die for when he died for you and me,
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?
I believe we will answer each to heaven
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.
Look inside and ask the question,
What did he die for?”

Memorial Day challenges us to live as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we’re challenged to live so as to honor Jesus’ supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our “priceless liberty” using our blessings to bless others.

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BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY

(as of February 15, 2017)

NOTE: *George DeLong is our representative to the Food Pantry.*

Donated items most helpful right now:

- canned fruits, such as sliced peaches, mandarin oranges, pears, fruit cup, etc.
- canned items, especially those with meat, such as beef stew, chili, chicken breast, chicken a la king, tuna, ham, Spam, spaghetti, ravioli, lasagna, etc.
- instant mashed potatoes or scallops or other potato products
- soups, especially Progresso brand
- mayonnaise, brown mustard, ketchup, ranch dressing, pickles
- coffee (regular, decaf and instant), hot chocolate, tea
- fruit juice, such as grape, cranberry, apple
- jelly, peanut butter, marshmallow fluff
- Hamburger Helper, stuffing mix, Rice-a-roni, Pasta Sides
- pasta of various types, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese
- vinegar, cooking oil, flour, sugar
- cereal (hot and cold)
- snacks of all kinds, including pretzels, chips, energy bars, etc.
- paper products including tissues, toilet paper, paper towels
- personal care items, such as shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, personal hygiene items
- cleaning and disinfectant products, including dish soap and laundry detergent

**** Please check dates on donated food products.****

The pantry is supported by churches, civic groups, individuals, businesses, and schools in and around the Brandywine 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 St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 122 W. Franklin Street, 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 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. For appointments, call 610.682.7633. Either call Tuesday or Thursday, or leave a message with your contact information. Donations may be dropped off during pantry hours or call to arrange a convenient time.



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

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Members: Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Luann Bennecoff, Lori Eck, Ted Eshbach, Phyllis Fenstermacher, Erma Gajewski, Erma Guinther, Anna Heffner, Amanda Herman, Lucille Jones, John Keck, Diane Keller, Penny Keller, Paige Lambert, Sheila Long, Leon Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Jeff Wengert.

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams, Family and friends of Joseph Bennett, Thelma Bright, Evelyn Collins, Dick Curtin, Richard D., Mark Derr, Esther Dunkelberger, Alice Epler, Katie F., Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Tara K., Lauren Kinney, Terry and Denise Kiser, Joe Klick, Ella Kline, Catherine Landis, Chris Masters, Lillian Mengel, Nicki Nolte, Kyle Olinger, Alice Reist, Tim and Carol Romig, Randy S., Sue S., Charles Sanders, Olivia Schoenly, Jack Stoudt, Marilyn Timm, Jacki Wagner, Sallie Weil, and Kenneth Yenser.

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

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Sandy Burkhart, Denise Haage, Corinne Hersh, Andrew S., Donna Schwoyer, and Denise Wright.



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

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 18,107.48
Thrivent	6,816.06
Checking	5,611.96
Youth	828.45
Fidelity	140,470.14
Cash Reserve	10,875.80
Mission Investment	11,270.49
Local Care	1,064.50

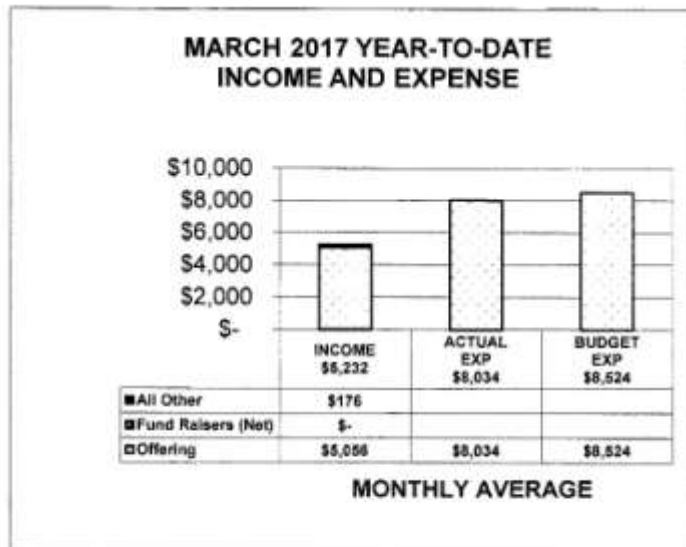
March 2017 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income

	<u>Income Required</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income Used For:	<u>Per Month</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,519.17	\$ 4,863.00	\$ (3,656.17)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2017 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
\$ 13,634.50 Funds Received to offset expenses

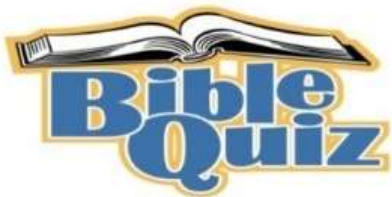


**CALENDAR YEAR 2017 INFORMATION
NORMAL OPERATIONS
(DOES NOT INCLUDE MAJOR REPAIRS/PURCHASES)**

**INCOME & EXPENSE ACTIVITY
MARCH 2017 YEAR-TO-DATE**

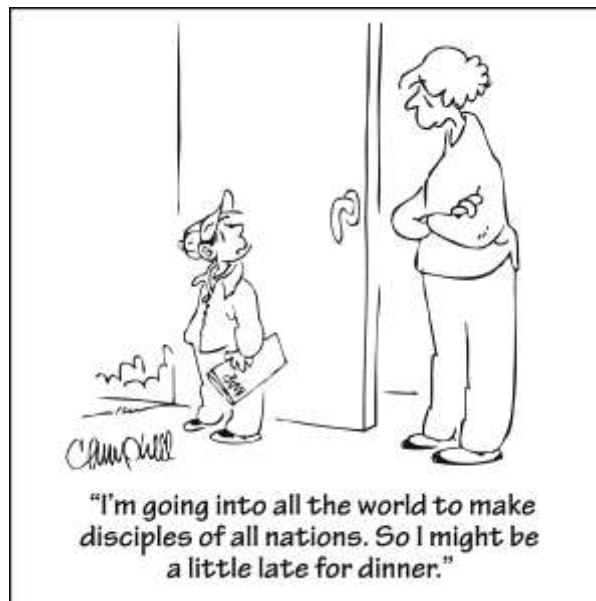
	<u>Mar Y-T-D</u>	<u>Average Month</u>
Income		
Offering	\$ 15,167	\$ 5,056
Fund Raisers	\$ -	-
Other	\$ 530	176
Total Income	\$ 15,697	5,231
Actual Exp	\$ 24,101	8,034
Budget Exp	\$ 25,572	8,524
Shortage *	\$ (9,875)	(3,292)

*NOTE: Shortage - Total Income to 2017 BUDGET Expense
Less Benevolence



Acts 17 describes Paul speaking about God to the people of Athens in front of — incredibly! — a site that still exists. What is that site?

- A. the Panathenaic Stadium
- B. the Areopagus
- C. the Acropolis and the Parthenon
- D. the Temple of Hephaestus



Answer: B (See Acts 17:22.)

THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May

7	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W)
◆ 14	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter (W) ▪ Mother’s Day breakfast (served at 8:30 a.m.)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class
21	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter (W)
* 28	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter (W)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class

June

4	10:00 AM	Day of Pentecost – Holy Communion (R)
* 11	10:00 AM	The Holy Trinity – Holy Communion (W)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class
◆ 18	10:00 AM	Second Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Father’s Day breakfast (served at 8:30 a.m.)
25	10:00 AM	Third Sunday after Pentecost (G)

July

2	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
9	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
16	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
23	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)
30	10:00 AM	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- (*) Fellowship after worship
- (◆) Breakfast before worship





Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

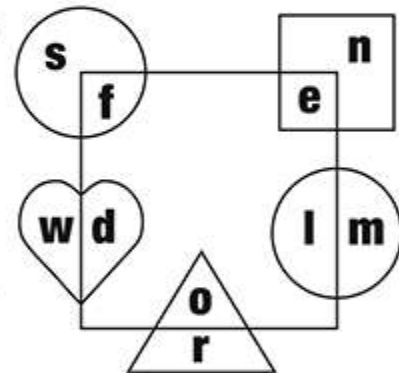


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
5/7	Tara Basta	Dawn Wengert	--	Phyllis Fenstermacher	Lucille Jones and Joanne Pauley
5/14	Susan Schlenker	Justin Moyer	--	Clifford and Susan Schlenker	Clifford and Susan Schlenker
5/21	Denny Beshore	Roy Merkel	--	Daniel and Kathy Bailey	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
5/28	Joshua Keck	Ken Keck	--	Ken Keck	Gladys Kline

ALTAR GUILD: Elaine Seip and Lucille Jones

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Dale Schwoyer

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Lloyd and Linda Moyer


COMMUNION BREAD: 5/7 – Gladys Kline

COMMUNION SET-UP: 5/7 – Faye Dey

COUNCILPERSON: Sheila Gehman

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

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Shoo-fly Pie Bake-----▶	-----▶	-----▶			9:00-2:00pm-First Responder Rally, Blue Marsh Lake
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Fourth Sunday of Easter ▪ Holy Communion 2:00-7:00pm-May Play Day, Bear Creek Camp	7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting 7:00pm-Art of the Reformation, St. John's Chapel, Kutztown Univ.	7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal		1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC		9:00-1:00pm-NEPS Bike-a-Thon for World Hunger, Bob Rodale Park, Breinigsville
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Fifth Sunday of Easter ▪ Church Music Sunday 8:30am-Mother's Day Breakfast 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class Mother's Day		6:00pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal	11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle's 4:30pm-Sewing Group 6:30-8:00pm-Bereavement Support Forum, Topton Lutheran Home			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sixth Sunday of Easter ▪ Pentecost Flower Orders Due 		7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal		1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC Ascension of Our Lord		
28	29	30	31			
Seventh Sunday of Easter ▪ Fellowship after worship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class	OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day (observed)	7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal				



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, June 4, 2017

GERANIUM ORDER FORM

The sanctuary will be decorated with red geraniums for Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 4th. If you would like to purchase any geraniums, please fill out the information below. The price is \$3.00 for a 4-inch pot. Please return with payment to the church office or place in offering plate by Sunday, May 21st. Thank you!

PRINT NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ ENV NO. _____

DEDICATION: _____

<u>Qty.</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	X	\$3.00	\$ _____

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.