

**THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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*Go into all the world and preach the  
good news to all creation.*



Mark 16:15

**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,

May.

May the force be with you!

As I started thinking about what I would write, I pondered, “May. Hmm. What should I write for May?” and immediately the phrase, “May the force be with you!” popped into my head. I started to dismiss it as silly, but then thought, “No, it’s not silly. It’s actually rather appropriate, for this month we will celebrate many manifestations of the “force” of God, for in May we will continue to celebrate the peace of the risen Christ. We will celebrate the power of love, love often first experienced from our mothers. (May 13) We will remember the force of that mighty wind when God’s Spirit descended on the disciples at Pentecost and gave power to their words. We will celebrate the gift of music that transforms our hearts and souls. (May 20) We will celebrate the awesome nature and acts of our God whom we experience as three-in-one, Creator, Redeemer, and the One who makes us holy. (May 27) And we will pray in many different ways that God’s “Force” will continue to be with us to convict us, forgive us, comfort us and encourage and empower us to share God’s love to all around and throughout the world.

In the initial Star Wars movie, Obi Wan Kenobi starts to teach Luke to “use the Force.” To do so, Luke had to let go of his desire to control everything, and give himself over to something greater than himself, to allow the power of good to flow through him for the defense and betterment of the world, indeed, the universe. That wasn’t easy and Luke had to learn more and to relearn how to access the power of good. He had to not only learn from Obi Wan, but from Yoda and others.

God’s “Force” comes to us in our baptism and continues to be available to us throughout our lives. God’s “Force” not only comes to us for our own good, but for the good of the world. Often, however, we as individuals and as church discover in rather jolting ways that we have another power at work in our world and even inside of us: the power of darkness, of evil. Remember the scene where Luke is battling Darth Vader, only to learn that Darth is his father? Remember how he recoils from that knowledge? So, too, we discover that evil dwells within and among us and our world. We confess that we are sinful and unclean. But, we also implore and cling to the promise that God’s “Force” is for us and is greater than darkness and death. We cling to the promise that, to quote Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, “Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us!” (ELW #721)

And so, dear friends, may the “Force” be with you! May God’s “Force” be with and among us all and work good not only for us, but also through us for the good of the world.

*Pastor Ruth*

**MAY THE FORCE  
BE WITH YOU**

# NEWS & EVENTS

## in New Jerusalem and the Synod

### COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at their April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Worship and Music has again planned Season of Creation services for the summer months.
- A total of \$865.00 was received from the Yard Share and Bake Sale on April 7.
- \$500 will be sent to Operation Bootstrap Africa for our first installment of helping to pay for the stove for Olchoki Elementary School. (Our goal is \$2,500.00, the cost of one stove.)
- A motion was made and approved to allow an AA group to meet at New Jerusalem three times a week (M-W-F 12:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.).
- As part of reviewing the 2006 Wedding guidelines, a revised fee schedule was approved.
- The request by Alan and Sherrie Carl to transfer membership to New Jerusalem was accepted.
- Property Committee reported that damaged floor tiles will soon be replaced and the baptismal font re-stained.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to announce new members Alan and Sherrie Carl as our new brother and sister in Christ here at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

### MAY SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of a Flower sponsor for May 6 and a Communion Set-up volunteer for May 27. Thank you to everyone who signed up.

### WELCOME AA

Beginning Wednesday, May 2, a local AA group will meet at New Jerusalem Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. We feel privileged to offer hospitality to our brothers and sisters and to support them in their ministry. This group welcomes anyone who thinks he or she has a problem with alcohol or drugs or desires to stop using these substances. Please spread the word.

### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Join us on **Sunday, May 13, from 8:30-9:15 a.m.** as we thank our mothers and mother-figures with a delicious breakfast.

### LAST BELL CHOIR AND SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL

will be Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### DAY OF PENTECOST – May 20

Holy Communion will be celebrated and the sanctuary will be decorated with red geraniums for Pentecost. You are invited to wear or carry something red or flame colored. If you would like to order geraniums (\$3.00 for a 4-inch pot) please use the form in this newsletter. Forms and payment are due to the church office by Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY – May 20

On Sunday, May 20, we will be holding our Church Music Sunday service. Please come out and support our singers and musicians. If anyone is interested in providing music for this service, please see Faye Dey.

### FAITH FORMATION EVENT – May 20

Watch for more details about this intergenerational event after worship. Invite a friend.

### JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE – May 22-23

If you would like to order any pies, please contact the church office. Pies are only \$5.00.

**The Feast of THE HOLY TRINITY** will be held on **Sunday, May 27**. Holy Communion will be celebrated and Memorial Day acknowledged.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 28**, Memorial Day.

### PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE

Pastor Ruth will be out of town from May 8 until May 13, and May 31 until June 3. For pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Tom Darr at 484.655.4930.

## FALL FESTIVAL – September 15, 2018

Mark your calendars to join us on **Saturday, September 15 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** for our Fall Festival. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, baked goods, and beverages for purchase, a Cake Walk, and music provided by The Mike Hertzog Trio.

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### 2017 MISSION SUPPORT

*Letter from Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod*

In 2017 the congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod contributed a total of \$2,036,629.25 to undesignated Mission Support. Of this total amount, \$1,079,413.50 (53%) stayed in the Synod and \$957,215.75 (47%) was sent on to the ELCA to support various ministries.

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church generously gave \$2,565.00 to Mission Support in 2017. Fifty-three cents of every dollar of Mission Support from our congregation supported the Strategic Directions below for mission and ministry right here in the Synod.

- Deepening our spiritual lives and our relationships with God
- Renewing our passion for sharing the good news
- Enhancing the connections among people and communities
- Strengthening ministries to Youth, Young Adults and Families
- Working on all five goals above with financial support to our ministry partners.

Thank you again for your 2017 Mission Support Commitment.

Find out more about what your generous offerings to Mission Support do at the Synod's website:

<http://nepasynod.org/resourcesmenu/stewardship/mission-support/>.



## YARD SHARE & BAKE SALE

Thank you to all those who donated items, helped sort, set up, prepare and serve food at our Yard Share and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 7. The \$865.00 in proceeds will be split between buying a stove for Olchoki School in Tanzania and the expense of repaving the parking lot.

## YEAR OF THE STOVE HEATS UP

Stewardship Committee has designated 2018 as the year of the stove, a stove for the children of Olchoki Elementary School in Arusha, Tanzania. Thanks to Dawn Wengert, we now have a chart to show us our progress.

Each stove costs \$2,500. Using a loan from Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA), the school has installed 3 such stoves which enable them to feed the 1500 students at the school at least one meal of porridge a day. Our aim is to provide the funds for one of the stoves. So far we have collected over \$800 for this project. Half of the donations received during our festival in September will also help to repay OBA for the stove.

## FAITH FORMATION – CREATION EVENT

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> a dozen “kids” of various ages gathered for our intergenerational faith formation event focused on the creation story. We read from Genesis 1, sang songs (ask George about the “Hippo Song”), made posters about what God did each day of creation, cut 50 pounds of seed potatoes for the Potato Project, and planted a few of those “eyes” in buckets so we could watch them grow this summer. Come check out our posters in the overflow area.

For those who do not know, The Potato Project, also known as IHartHarvest, is a unique all volunteer ministry in Berks County which raises sweet corn, potatoes, carrots and more, to be donated to the Greater Berks Food Bank and local food pantries. It was started and is still run by Walt Zawaski and his wife, Linda, who is also a deacon serving Zion Moselem and Beckers St. Peter's Lutheran churches.

Our next Faith Formation event will be May 20 after church when we will continue to focus on care for creation. On June 24<sup>th</sup> we will learn about Noah, and enjoy God's life-saving gift of water. Bring a lunch, any literal children you know, and enjoy letting out your inner child (we are all God's children) as we rejoice in our stories of faith. We are usually done between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

## CAMP NOAH – SUMMER 2018

Listen! Listen, God is calling!

God is calling the churches of Berks County to offer the Camp Noah experience to children who have come to the area from Puerto Rico because of the massive disaster in their homeland last fall. Thanks to Reading Lutheran Parish, Camp Noah, a day camp for children who have experienced trauma or disaster, will be offered August 13-17 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on North 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Reading. Bi-lingual volunteers are needed to serve on the team that will be leading the program. Having had experience in Indiana last summer, Sue Schlenker will return as Craft Leader for this camp. Dale Schwoyer served as a volunteer in Crisfield, Maryland, a few years ago. They can tell you the program really helps the children and also impacts those who volunteer. Watch for more ways to assist the program.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

You can help the drug overdose epidemic by simply turning in your unused or expired prescription medications. This can be done at special drop boxes throughout the county (a few in our area are listed below). A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex with additional drop box locations.

The Berks County Medication Drop Box program is FREE for county residents and ID is not required. All medications should be placed in their original containers and packaging, with personal info. blacked out. For further information, contact 610.376.8669.

Berks County Drop Box Locations (contact your local police department for hours of operation):

Fleetwood Police – 110 W. Arch Street, Fleetwood

Kutztown Police – 45 Railroad Street, Kutztown

Boyertown Police – 100 S. Washington Street,  
Boyertown

Exeter Police – 4975 DeMoss Road, Reading

You can make a difference through this simple action by keeping unused prescription drugs out of circulation. This will ensure that medications will not end up in the wrong hands, but rather disposed of properly.



## THE JOY OF COLORING

In his book *Dangerous Wonder*, the late youth-ministry pioneer Mike Yaconelli debunks the idea that Christianity is “all about coloring within the lines and coloring well.” He writes:

“God’s grace is so outside the lines of our understanding that we can only stand in awe and wonder. Christianity is not about learning how to live within the lines; Christianity is about the joy of coloring. The grace of God is preposterous enough to accept as beautiful a coloring that anyone else would reject as ugly.



“The grace of God sees beyond the scribbling to the heart of the scribbler – a scribbler who is similar to two thieves who hung on crosses on either side of Jesus. One of the two asked Jesus to please accept his scribbled and sloppy life into the kingdom of God... and he did. Preposterous. And very good news for the rest of us scribblers.”

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Coloring isn't just for kids. Besides being fun, coloring is extremely therapeutic and has a slew of health benefits. Coloring pages for adults:

1. Helps you to de-stress
2. Activates both parts of your cerebral hemisphere
3. Takes you back to your childhood
4. Is like meditation
5. Helps reduce anxiety
6. Helps you re-discover yourself
7. Are a perfect therapy for many diseases
8. Helps spark creativity
9. Helps transport one to a time and place faraway

In addition to the kid's activity page, I have also included a coloring page for adults. So grab crayons, colored pencils, gel pens, or markers and get busy coloring.

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**Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.**

—Martin Luther King Jr.

# NEWS & EVENTS

## in the Community

### **SAUSAGE SANDWICH SALE – May 5**

Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, will be holding a sausage sandwich sale on **Saturday, May 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The cost is \$5.00 per sandwich. Soda and bottled water will also be available for purchase.

### **ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP – May 10**

The Ascension of Our Lord worship service will be held on **Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Lutheran Home in Topton.

### **CELEBRATING A MOTHER'S LOVE**

When you have lost a child, Mother's Day is an extremely difficult holiday and this event is to share in the highs and lows of losing a child while celebrating Mother's Day. Please join us on **Saturday, May 12, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.** at Hope Lutheran Church, 550 Fleetwood Road, Bowers. Cost is \$12 for adult and \$6 for children under 10. Lunch includes toasted cheese sandwiches, soups, snacks, beverages, and desserts. Call 610.682.4970 for more information. RSVP by May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **“LOUD IN THE LIBRARY” A SPECIAL EVENING OF MUSIC, ITALIAN DINING AND FRIENDS – May 19**

What could be better than an evening of entertainment by local musicians with an Italian buffet and friends? This event will be held on **Saturday, May 19, from 5-9 p.m.** at the Kutztown Middle School Commons. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Kutztown Community Library, 70 Bieber Alley, Kutztown. Proceeds from this event will sponsor music programming for the library.

**KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY CHOIR** will be presenting their annual Spring Choral Concert on **Sunday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m.** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 W. Main Street, Kutztown.

### **BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTY**

There is an updated list on the bulletin board in the narthex for donations of food items. There is also a current need for donations of gluten-free food for a patron's daughter with celiac disease. Thank you for your continued support.

### **HOSTS NEEDED!**

St. John's, Kutztown, will be hosting The Celebrant Singers on **Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** for the second time. Volunteers are needed to host the musicians for one night. What's involved? Pick them up after the concert on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and provide a bed and shower. In the morning, feed them breakfast and a bagged lunch and bring them to the church parking lot where they will board their bus and be on their way. If you would be willing to help, please contact MaryAnn Hamm at [mahamm@ptd.net](mailto:mahamm@ptd.net).

### **BRANDYWINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL “BACKPACK BUDDIES” PROGRAM**

Our staff would once again like to thank you for continuing to support our “Backpack Buddies” program. Below are several pictures, taken last month, of our food pantry. You will see we have a variety of food to offer our students so they have meals on the weekend. Our program is showing success with 17 students receiving backpacks each week. We are in need of microwavable vegetables, Snack Pack pudding, tuna packets, single-serve canned meat, chicken Rice-a-Roni, single-serve mac & cheese, single-serve soup, fruit snacks, single-serve cereal boxes, Horizon 8 fl. Oz. milk, and single-serve snack crackers. Thank you for your continued support! – *Backpack Buddies Committee*



## THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES

*[Jesus was dying on the cross.] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." – John 19:26-27*

On the second Sunday of this month we celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives, and then in June we celebrate our fathers and father figures. What a wonderful opportunity to honor the strong bond between parents and children. How strong? The first use of the word "love" in the Bible, Genesis 22:2, describes the connection between Abraham and his son, Isaac.

Family is one of our most valuable gifts from God, and one that, as all holy gifts, we are entrusted to treasure, love and nourish. As parents, we are responsible for nourishing children to become healthy adults. And as children, we are responsible for caring for parents as they age.

Jesus indicates in the passage above that there need not be a blood connection for a parent-child relationship (as any family with adopted children can attest). In Matthew 12:46-50, Jesus actually redefines family, saying that all who love and follow him are mothers, brothers, sisters, and fathers. So, all of us are parent, child and sibling to one another. Now THAT'S some family!

As we honor the mother and father figures this spring, we can also challenge ourselves to be better stewards of the family bonds God has given us.

- Explore through Scripture what it means to be a family, including a faith family.
- Work with your congregation promote healthy family connections.
- Support and accompany families that are in crisis or paralyzed by dysfunction.
- Learn about foster-parent programs and support foster families.
- Explore and support Big Brother and Big Sister programs. Be a mentor to a child or youth.
- Befriend a senior citizen who may not have children (or children nearby).
- Remember that not all family relationships are positive. Avoid judgment and listen thoughtfully to those whose experiences may differ from yours.
- With your congregation, explore ways to live as brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers to one another.

God ordained families to be the fundamental unit of human life. We can be good stewards of family relationships by caring for one another and helping everyone to grow into the faith family God intends.

—Rob Blezard

## Did You Know?

### FLEUR-DE-LIS

Because the fleur-de-lis resembles a lily – a symbol of purity – it is sometimes used to represent the Virgin Mary. Due to its three-petal form, the fleur-de-lis also symbolizes the Holy Trinity.



### 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 20th for inclusion in the June newsletter.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

What school are you graduating from? \_\_\_\_\_

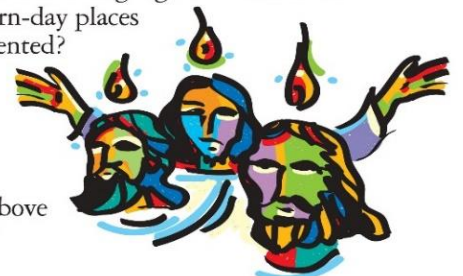
What degree did you earn? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your future plans? \_\_\_\_\_

## Bible Quiz

While in Jerusalem for Pentecost, people from many faraway lands miraculously heard the disciples preaching in their own native languages. Which of the following modern-day places was/were represented?

- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Crete
- D. Rome
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



Answer: E (See Acts 2:9-11.)

IN OUR  
Thoughts and Prayers

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

**Facilities:** Anna Angstadt, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Helen Fair, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Audrey Hoffman, and Irene Noll.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

**Members:** Glenn Allen, Sarah Bailey, Lori Eck, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Lucille Jones, Wyatt Keller, Sheila Long, Forrest Merkel, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, Charles Sanders, and Dale Schwoyer.

**Friends of the congregation:** Regina B., Dorene Behney, Millie Berger, Thelma Bright, Bill Collins, Dick Curtin, Mark Derr, Gary DeWees, Barbara Feeman, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Becky Graeff, Steve Haage, Sonja Hernandez, Corinne Hersh, Judy Hilberg, Peg Huffert, Tara K., Janis Kershner, Merritt Kershner, Angie Kistler, Joe Klick, Ethan Kunkel, Marie Leibensperger, Catherine Lenio, Michael M., Pat Magala, Pearl Meck, George Noll, Kyle Olinger, Family and Friends of Jeff Oulds, Jackson Radcliffe, Ronald Reimert, Jerry Schwambach, Jacki Wagner, Tiffany W., Betty Winnings, and Ken Zook.

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

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

“He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.”

—St. Augustine

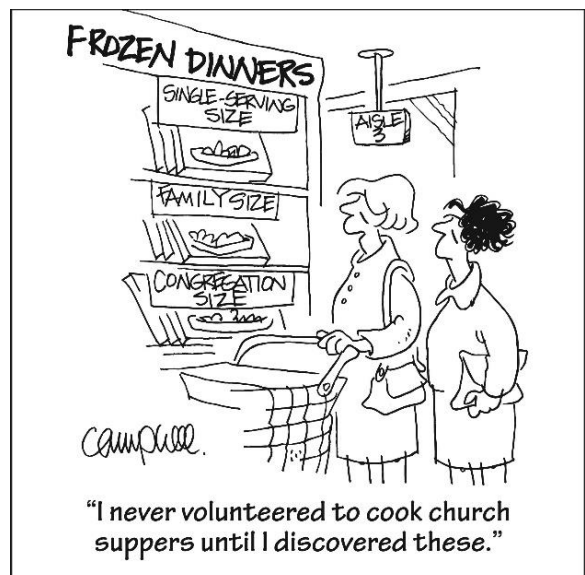


- 2 Derick Wartzenuft
- 4 Dana Wartzenuft
- 7 Erma Gajewski
- 8 David Moyer, Jr.
- 15 Sharon Guinther
- 15 Susan Schlenker
- 16 Jason Hess
- 22 Daniel Gehman
- 26 Nancy Esbenshade
- 26 Joshua Keck
- 26 Olivia Moyer
- 28 Cristy Herman



- 17 Donald and Erma Gajewski (38 years)
- 20 Blane and Jennifer Musser (18 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.*





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

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 20,971.36
Thrivent	7,700.01
Checking	1,930.62
Youth	404.60
Fidelity	145,197.80
Cash Reserve	15,043.21
Mission Investment	11,310.41
Local Care	1,259.23

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

	<u>Income Required</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income Used For:	<u>Per Month</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,779.58	\$ 7,390.00 *	\$ (1,389.58)

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

\* Actual Income Includes: \$2,900.00 ESTIMATED  
INCOME from Shoo-Fly Pie Sale

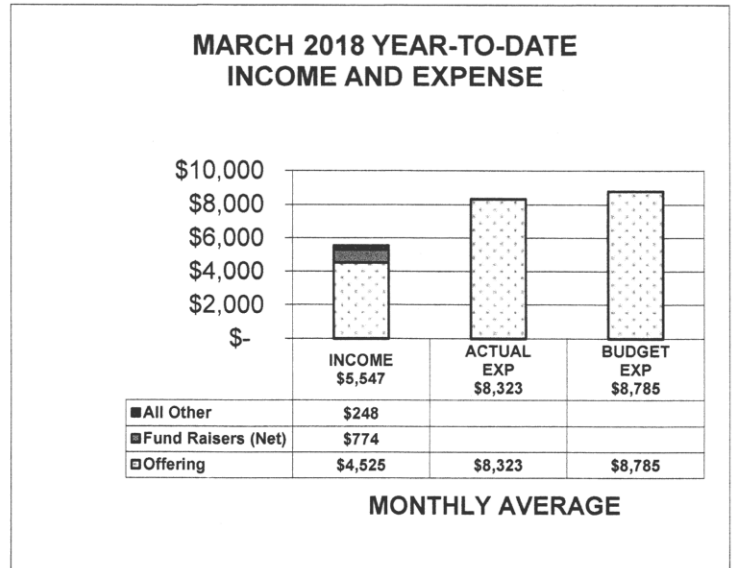
Parking Lot – Funds received to offset expenses for  
Driveway/Parking Lot Repaving

\$ 37,140.00 Total Expenses for Project  
\$ 17,796.50 Funds Received to offset expenses

**THANKS, MOM!**

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. “I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life,” he said. “She’s a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice.” The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. “It’s really hard to read my mom’s handwriting,” he said.

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**CALENDAR YEAR 2018 INFORMATION  
NORMAL OPERATIONS  
(DOES NOT INCLUDE MAJOR REPAIRS/PURCHASES)**

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE ACTIVITY MARCH 2018 YEAR-TO-DATE</b>		
	<u>Mar Y-T-D</u>	<u>Average Month</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	\$ 13,574	\$ 4,525
Fund Raisers	\$ 2,323	774
Other	\$ 745	248
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,642</b>	<b>5,547</b>
<b>Actual Exp</b>	<b>\$ 24,969</b>	<b>8,323</b>
<b>Budget Exp</b>	<b>\$ 26,354</b>	<b>8,785</b>
<b>Shortage *</b>	<b>\$ (9,712)</b>	<b>(3,237)</b>

\*NOTE: Shortage - Total Income to 2018 BUDGET Expense  
Less Benevolence

**ARMED FORCES DAY  
(Saturday, May 19, 2018)**

Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday of May, is a time to remember and appreciate people who have served or who are now serving in the military.

Today, service members are volunteers who willingly leave their families and homes to serve as protectors, defenders and servants of our beloved country. Their roles often involve great danger, perilous missions and harm to their bodies, minds and spirits.

Let those in military service know that you appreciate their service and sacrifice on behalf of America. Pray for them, speak appreciatively to them and let them know of your support.

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## THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### May

- |      |          |  |
|------|----------|--|
| * 6  | 10:00 AM | Sixth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W)                                    |
|      | 7:00 PM  | Ascension Day Worship – Holy Communion<br>▪ Lutheran Home at Topton            |
| ◆ 13 | 10:00 AM | Seventh Sunday of Easter (W)<br>▪ Mother’s Day Breakfast before worship        |
| * 20 | 10:00 AM | Day of Pentecost – Holy Communion (R)<br>▪ Faith Formation Event after worship |
| 27   | 10:00 AM | The Holy Trinity – Holy Communion (W)  |

### June

- |      |          |  |
|------|----------|--|
| * 3  | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)                           |
| 10   | 10:00 AM | Third Sunday after Pentecost (G)<br>▪ Season of Creation - Sky               |
| ◆ 17 | 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (G)<br>▪ Father’s Day Breakfast before worship |
| 24   | 10:00 AM | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G)<br>▪ Faith Formation Event after worship    |

### July

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

### FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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







## WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_  
 and your \_\_\_\_\_,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ has  
 \_\_\_\_\_."  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

## HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



### What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

### What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

## **MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>BULLETINS</b>
5/6	Gladys Kline	TBA	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Phyllis Fenstermacher
5/13	Sue Schlenker	Sara Jane Beshore	Sue and Cliff Schlenker	Sue and Cliff Schlenker
5/20	Denny Beshore	Ken Keck	Council	Gladys Kline
5/27	George DeLong	Roy Merkel	Ken Keck	Todd Wagaman & family

**ALTAR GUILD:** Cheryl Wiltrout

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Faye and Larry Dey

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Elaine Seip

**COMMUNION BREAD:** 5/6 – Faye Dey; 5/20 – Gladys Kline; 5/27 – Sara Jane Beshore

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 5/6 – Cheryl Wiltrout; 5/20 – Faye Dey; 5/27 – *(volunteer needed)*

**COUNCILPERSON:** Elaine Seip

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

# MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	2 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	3 6:30pm-EBMD Meeting, Lutheran Home at Topton  <b>National Day of Prayer</b>	4 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	5 10:00am-1:00pm-Sausage Sandwich Sale, Hope Lutheran, Bowers
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship	7 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	8 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal Pastor Ruth out of town until May 13	9 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting  Geranium Orders Due	10 7:00pm-Ascension Day worship service, Lutheran Home at Topton  <b>Ascension of Our Lord</b>	11 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	12 12:00-3:00pm-Celebrating a Mother's Love, Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers
13 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30-9:15am-Mother's Day Breakfast before worship  <b>Mother's Day</b>	14 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting	15 6:30pm-LAST Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-LAST Senior Choir Rehearsal	16 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Airport Diner 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	17	18 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	19 5:00-9:00pm-"Loud in the Library", Kutztown Middle School Commons  <b>Armed Forces Day</b>
20 Day of Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Church Music Sunday ▪ Fellowship after worship ▪ Faith Formation Event 7:00pm-Kutztown Choir Spring Concert, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	21 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting  Shoo-fly Pie Bake-----▶	22  Shoo-fly Pie Bake----▶	23 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting  Shoo-fly Pie Bake--▶	24	25 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	26
27 The Holy Trinity ▪ Holy Communion	28 <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	29	30 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	31  Pastor Ruth out of town until June 3		

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 20, 2018

## GERANIUM ORDER FORM

If you would like to purchase red geraniums for Pentecost, 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 Wednesday, May 9th. 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.