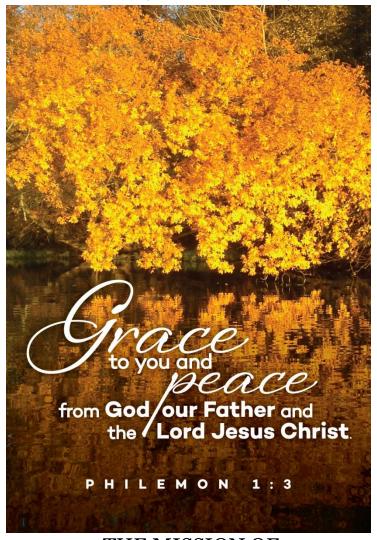
### THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

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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.



Neema!

Neema, my friends!

On September 12<sup>th</sup> I met Neema. Neema means grace in Swahili!

*Neema* is a very special word for Tanzanian Christians, because prior to hearing the gospel, the natives had no idea of a God who was close and who loved them unconditionally.

According to the Maasai tradition, the Maasai being one of the tribes in Tanzania, God is feminine. She gave birth to the earth and all of creation and was linked by the umbilical cord. This god gave the Maasai the gift of cattle which descended down the umbilical cord, but then the umbilical cord was severed and god became distant. The Maasai could try to seek a blessing from their god by sacrifice and prayer, very similar to the people of our Old Testament, but they did not feel much love from this distant god.

But then the Maasai heard the good news, the gospel. They heard through 2 Corinthians 5:18 -

If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ*, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

Through this and passages like Ephesians 2: 8-9

...by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one can boast. . . .

the Maasai hear that reconciliation is a free gift from God who has *already* reconciled people to himself. They hear that God is not distant, but comes close in Jesus Christ and remains present in the Holy Spirit. They hear that God gives us this precious message and entrusts to us the ministry of reconciliation and understands that the Church is called to be in the points of brokenness.

Martin Luther had a similar discovery of God's grace and it freed him from the worries and torment that he carried, the conviction that he could never do enough to please God and free himself from suffering in purgatory. While studying the letter to the Romans, Luther discovered the verse, "the just shall live by faith" (1:17) and could finally hear the message his mentor in faith was trying to convey to him, "God is not angry with you!"

But what does God's grace mean to us today? Most folks around us are not worried about God's anger, or that they can never please God. How do we share God's undeserved love, God's *neema*, with them?

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, I met Neema. Neema is a student at the Maasai Girls Lutheran Secondary School who is sponsored by one of my friends. Neema has many dreams for her future. She wants to learn to be an accountant, but first she wants to sing Gospel music. Just as we were leaving we convinced her to sing for us and she chose the song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" by Rick Doyle, and we knew that when she sang, "I love to sing your praises; I'm so glad you came into my life," that she really meant it.

May you, too, meet *neema*, not just once, but every day. May God continue to comfort and excite us with assurance of God's *neema* and teach us how to share this with those around.

Pastor Ruth



#### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation classes will resume in October. They will be held on Sundays, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

#### COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER

Just a reminder for council members that our council meeting will be held on Monday, **October** 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

#### YARD SHARE & BAKE SALE

Saturday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>** is fast approaching! We hope you have started to clean out your closets, spare rooms, attics, basements, and garages in preparation for our 1<sup>st</sup> Yard Share and Bake Sale. You may start bringing your items to church anytime from now until October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Your help is needed to make this event a success. <u>Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the</u> <u>narthex or call the office with baked goods or soup</u> you plan to donate, times you can volunteer to sort items prior to the sale, or times you can assist with the sale on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOLY COMMUNION – OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM CHRIST MERTZ, DRYVILLE

Join us for the first monthly joint service of healing and Holy Communion sponsored by Hope, Bowers, Christ Mertz, Dryville and New Jerusalem Lutheran churches. Please see article below.

While all are welcome, this service is especially designed for those whose health situation prevents them from attending a morning worship or need extra assistance. If you can assist with transporting some of our shut-ins, please speak with Pastor Ruth. The November service will be held at New Jerusalem on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CHICKEN & WAFFLE DINNER**

New Jerusalem will be holding their yummy Chicken & Waffle dinner on Saturday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under.

#### **REFORMATION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 23**

#### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the November 2016 newsletter is Sunday, **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2016. Please have all your announcements and articles to the church office by this date. Thank you!

#### SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE

A shoo-fly pie bake sale will be held **Tuesday**, **November 1<sup>st</sup>, to Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please call the church office if you would like to order any pies **or can help bake**. Pies are only \$5.00 each.

#### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 6

This is a time when we especially remember those who have preceded us in death, especially those who have died in the past year, and rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Please join us for worship and Holy Communion, which is the celebration of the feast of victory of our God. Please get Pastor Ruth a list of people dear to you who have died since the beginning of last November.

#### **ALWAYS VALUED**

When Paul talks about treasure in clay jars (2 Corinthians 4:6-9), he's referring to the gospel message. The apostle compares the human carriers

of the treasure, including himself, to breakable vessels that aren't impervious to outside influences and can fail. But that causes the carriers to rely on God's strength when facing afflictions.



Part of the usefulness of the image – and Paul knows this – is that broken clay jars were used as blank "pages" for writing letters, business receipts, invitations to meals and weddings, and so on. He emphasizes that even when we're broken, we're useful in God's kingdom. When we feel defeated by failure, Jesus still considers us valuable.

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#### TALES FROM TANZANIA

As most of you know, I recently returned from two weeks in Tanzania, where I and 5 members of Holy Spirit, Emmaus, visited medical missionaries that congregation helps to support. In fact, many of you took the challenge to stuff a suitcase with supplies for two schools we would be visiting. Together we

collected: 33 underpants, 16 pairs of shoes, 10 pairs of socks, 5 twin flat sheets, 32 erasers, 11 packs of stickers, 8 compasses, 14 protractors, 26 dozen colored pencils, 20 rulers, 133 black click pens, and 2 markers. Wow! We almost exceeded the weight limit.



Our first challenge was to get the supplies through customs, where agents could have demanded a fee or held the supplies while they "checked" them out. To our amazement, the customs area was closed and we and our 6 suitcases (5 had medical supplies) sailed right through.

This is where I must make a confession. For some reason I had in my mind that our supplies were in my old teal suitcase, so on our first morning in Arusha we took the five other suitcases to Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and gave them to Dr. Mark Jacobson, who opened one and then gave all of them to a staff member to inventory and distribute. Lo and behold, when I opened the teal suitcase the day before we were to visit the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), I found medical supplies. I immediately contacted Mark and told him of my mistake. He immediately said, "Well, maybe God had other plans for the materials, but I'll try to track those things down for you." He eventually located many of the pens, rulers, 7 pairs of shoes, and 4 sheets.

When we got to MGLSS the next morning, I told the headmaster what had happened. He immediately replied, "Maybe God had other plans for them."

So, my friends, many of our gifts have gone where we hoped. As for the rest, since Tanzania is one of the ten poorest countries in the world and someone at the hospital was unpacking the goods, I have every confidence that they have been distributed to those who really needed them.

More tales to follow in future months.

Pastor Ruth

#### SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOLY COMMUNION

In conversation with the pastors at Hope, Bowers and Christ Mertz, we've agreed to try holding a short worship service of Holy Communion and Healing on the third Sunday of the month at 2:30 **p.m.** Originally, we were thinking of this service as a way of ministering to those who physically find it difficult to sit through an entire Sunday morning service, those who have a hard time getting moving in the morning, those who need extra help with transportation, and shut-ins or those who live in assisted living or nursing homes who can leave and would appreciate being able to get back into churches with which they are familiar but need extra help to do so. But the service will be open to anyone who would like to come to share the Lord's Supper, and/or to receive prayers for healing.

The location will rotate amongst the three churches. The first service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on **October 16<sup>th</sup> at Christ Mertz.** The second service will be November  $20^{th}$  at New Jerusalem. All are welcome! Please spread the word.

Anyone who knows of someone who might like to attend, but would need help with transportation, please speak with Pastor Ruth. If you are willing to assist with transportation or with the November service, please also let pastor know.

#### IN COMMUNION

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they

were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held

on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.



#### SAXONY, GERMANY

Sue and Cliff Schlenker and Rick Doty and Pastor Ruth joined a group from our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in a visit to our sister synod in Saxony (eastern Germany near the Czech and Polish borders) June 5-15. The visit started touring Berlin, then moved to the area east of Dresden. Cliff and Sue wrote the following:

We are so happy that we took the opportunity to go on this trip. All things were beautiful to see. We had a lovely evening with our host pastor, Friedemann, at his home—backyard grilled food and lots of other food. We met our host families there also. At the end of the evening we went with our host family to their house. Our family was Rosie and Andreas Augustin. They are wonderful people and we adjusted well.

Our host families took us to see many things. There were trips where we were all together, but when we were finished with our sight-seeing tours with everyone else, our host family took us to see other things. One evening we went to what they called an "old-time" show. Old cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, campus and military vehicles. We even watched them start a tractor where you had to light a burning container of fluid, set it under the engine, and wait until it got the engine heated up. It took quite a while, at least half an hour. Then it started! Then another time we all went to the town of Oybin. We were all there, but not parked where we were supposed to be. Well everyone else left but us. We went to the parking lot and walked the town. It was nice to see this small town. We got drinks at an outside café then walked up this cobble street. While at the end of town we visited a beautiful church. We walked up many steps to get there as it was high on the hillside, but what a beautiful church it was. On one of the inside walls was the date 1740. Magnificent! They take very good care of their buildings.

Another evening after a day out with the rest of our group, we came back to the host family's house and Rosie made supper then Andreas took us to see the town. We visited his elderly aunt. She was a lovely lady. We also visited a Russian cemetery and then the cemetery for the church. They are very well kept—nice, neat, and well taken care of. While we were there, Andreas watered some special graves of family members. I guess the people really care for one another. Afterwards, he took us to see his church. When we got to the outside of the church, we met another couple. We all went inside. It has beautiful chandeliers like the ones we had restored. Then he took us upstairs to see the organ and bell tower, which is also the clock tower. It was a wonderful experience. We saw how the clock works, saw the huge bells and at the top of the tower is some kind of baby hawk nest. Then he showed us the old pump organ. He told us when he was a younger fellow he helped to pump the air peddles. Mostly the young teens did the pumping.

We went to Meissen and then on to Wittenberg. While in Wittenberg we stayed at a place where they normally house youth. All the rooms had bunks and an extra bed under the bottom bunk. They pulled this bed out, but put in an extra special frame to hold up the bed. Our tour around Wittenberg was wonderful. We saw lots of old buildings and learned about Martin Luther. Just before we got there they had a big celebration to mark the date of his marriage to Katarina. We saw his living quarters and things he saved. He had lots of books and there are special vaults of old money as well. While in Wittenberg we also planted a tree and saw an old church getting a facelift. A lot of things were going on for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther. While we were in Wittenberg we also went on a pilgrimage tour with other members of the Lutheran World Federation, Lutherans from all over the world. All was great fun. I would love to do this again. Then it was off to Berlin again. End of our trip.



After our train ride back to Berlin we stayed in a hotel, but not a very efficient one. The ladies stayed in two rooms and the men in one room. You had to use the bathrooms and showers in the halls, and we had to haul our luggage up three flights of stairs. I certainly know better not to pack so much the next time I travel.

The important thing is we had fun and learned a lot about the things that they do in this country. Some of the things are the same, but also some very different.

#### **#LUTHERANSTORIES REFORMATION 500 – NORTHEASTERN PA SYNOD**

The synod's Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team is collecting 500 stories from across the synod to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Here is Susan Schlenker's story, a member of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Please consider sharing your story with us. Each person's story helps us to grow in faith. If you need help writing it down, contact Pastor Ruth.

#### **MY STORY!**

I have always had many friends. They are all very special to me in different ways, but I always wanted that one real special friend. The one that you can talk to about everything. And is there for you no matter the time of day.

Well for me, I found this friend at a sewing class. I didn't know anyone else taking the class. At the other tables were women who knew one another, so I sat at the table with this lady. Her name is Valerie. And even though her skin may not be the same as mine, it doesn't matter to me!

Well, as we worked we talked and had a wonderful time. We talked about our machines. She said she wanted to purchase a new embroidery machine. I told her about the place I go to for sewing supplies. So we finished our class and went home. However, the next day I needed something at the craft store again, and when I went into the store, there was my new best friend. We hugged each other when we met that day. We exchanged addresses and phone numbers. I told her if she wanted to go to this sewing store where I go, I would be willing to take her. So on the following Tuesday, I took her to this store. I did some shopping while she talked to the manager, and she did end up purchasing a new machine from this store. Whether we are at her house or at mine, we have our best days when we are together.

Val is my best friend! To me she is a Godsend. Another thing she helped me with was when I had recently lost my mother and then had knee surgery. Everything was getting me depressed. She listened to me babble. We call, text and visit often. We go out together as couples and celebrate our birthdays and sometimes we just stop by for a quick visit. I have even stayed with her overnight at her house.

So don't judge a person by the color of their skin, or how they look, or even how they talk, 'cause that person just might be your new best friend. I know Val is my best special friend because she is a sweet, kind, caring, lovely lady. I love being with Val.

I asked her permission to use her name in this story. I read what I wrote and she said, "Awe, you are going to make me cry." Then we sang some of the song together -I Love to Tell the Story!

I feel she was sent to me by God because I needed her! I didn't know it at the time, but I feel God knew I would need her later in the months that followed our meeting.



My friend for life, Sue Schlenker



#### ADULT MINISTRY FESTIVAL

An Adult Ministry Festival will be held at Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown, on October 8, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Price is \$5.00 and includes lunch. The Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert, professor emeritus of Reformation history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia will speak on "Luther's Catechism for Adults: Tasting Them Again for the First Time." Join us for a day of engaging speakers, inspirational music, and creative workshops. Attendees get "take home" ideas and starter material for personal faith development as well as intergenerational and adult programs for congregations.

#### LOAVES & FISHES MEAL

A free community meal called Loaves and Fishes will be held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton. Come out and share a meal and fellowship.

#### 9/11 PRESENTATION

Longswamp UCC, 200 Clay Road, Mertztown, is hosting a community 9/11 remembrance event on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

The events of 9/11 are unknown to a new generation. This will be an opportunity to learn more about this historical and tragic event by sharing our own personal stories, hearing Mal Fuller, the watch supervisor of Pittsburgh Airport on 9/11, share the story of the heroes of Flight 93, and honoring our first responders. Donations will be collected for the Friends of Flight 93 Memorial.

## **BETHLEHEM-EASTON MISSION DISTRICT WORKSHOP**

The Bethlehem-Easton Mission District is sponsoring a workshop on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at The Lutheran Center, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown. The workshop: Luther's Large Catechism: A resource for living the faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be presented by The Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger. This workshop is devoted to that wonderful guide that Luther wrote for educated parishioners and pastors. What better way to prepare for the 500<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Reformation than to spend some time in this great resource. Come, learn, and be blessed.

#### **RED RIBBON RUN**

Brandywine Heights High School will be hosting a Red Ribbon Run: 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at the high school. For more information and to register, go to <u>www.pretzelcitysports.com</u>.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed to help host this year's Berks County Veteran's Appreciation Dinner and Dance. The event will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Wilson High School's gymnasium, located along Grandview Boulevard in West Lawn.

Veterans of all service eras are invited to attend the event, as are members of the community who love to come out and dance. Dinner buffet is available as doors open and throughout the evening. If interested in joining the committee, please contact Dale Derr at 610.378.5601 or <u>dgderr@countyofberks.com</u> or <u>veterans@countyofberks.com</u>.

#### **NOW HIRING CAREGIVERS!**

SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice is hiring caregivers – individuals interested in providing nonmedical care to clients in their homes. Help clients in their homes performing non-medical tasks such as cooking, light cleaning, or laundry; personal care such as dressing, helping with a bath or just keeping them company. Feel great about what you do while getting paid to do it! No experience necessary – paid training is provided. Please visit www.SpiriTrustLutheranHomeCare.org for more information and to apply.



#### **2016 CRUISE FOR A CURE**

Our Relay For Life Cruise for a Cure, held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, was a very successful fundraiser for the American Cancer Society (ACS). The weather was a steamy 95 degrees and humid. Thankfully, we had no rain this year. The shop looked really nice with all the ACS banners and mission signs displayed. It was a great day to enjoy good music, fantastic food and desserts, and friendly fellowship.

There were 172 show cars and many spectators. We raised over \$9,400 for ACS. Tom Cengeri, co-leader of the Kutztown Relay, spoke to the crowd and profusely thanked our team for sponsoring this event. With all the congregation's talents from making and donating raffle prizes, skills cooking, baking and organizing the event, and also your financial donations of gift cards, food, drinks, desserts and much more, we couldn't have had such a successful day.

We also need to include our hot rod friends and church family who came the day before and early Saturday morning to get the shop and grounds looking good; plus all of you who worked in various ways at the event. Also, thank you to suppliers and friends of Larry Dey Auto Service who so generously donated door and raffle prizes. Food donations and gift cards were received from Janelle's Restaurant and Catering, The Market at Boyer's Junction, Weis Markets, Giant Foods and Thrivent Financial.

Following is a break-down of the funds received: show car donation admission \$2,319, spectator donation admission \$584, raffle \$1,989, 50/50 drawing \$264.50, food and drink sales \$3,278.25, special donations for ACS \$1,000, used book sale \$99.70 and drawing for framed wall hanging made and donated by Cindy Bower \$111. All of the above totals \$9,645.45.

After expenses the net funds earned for ACS total \$9,446.65. A check for this amount will be presented at the Kutztown Relay for Life Kick-off meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** for your support and dedication to Cruise for a Cure. As written to me from the co-chairs of the Nationwide Relay for Life Leadership Team, New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church is truly making a difference to help **FINISH THE FIGHT.** 



Submitted by Faye Dey

#### 2016 CRUISE FOR A CURE RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to all the Cruise for a Cure raffle prize winners.

<ol> <li>Samsung 32" Smart TV</li> <li>4-drawer Workstation</li> <li>Wall-mount ShopVac</li> <li>145 pc. Stanley Tool Set</li> <li>Blu-ray DVD Player</li> <li>Red Lobster G/C</li> <li>J. A. Meyer Jewelry G/C</li> <li>Godiva Basket</li> <li>Bench</li> <li>Cards by Cheryl</li> <li>Crocheted Afghan</li> <li>Amazing Grace Cross</li> <li>Bath &amp; Body Works set</li> <li>Coffee &amp; Dessert Basket</li> <li>Fire Pit</li> <li>Black Onyx Necklace</li> <li>Gift Card</li> <li>Necklace Set</li> <li>Popcorn Bucket</li> <li>Nativity Cross</li> </ol>	Donna Heck Cliff Schlenker George Sweeney Flip Reppert Jesse Christman Susie Q Jesse Christman Nadine Blair Tim Kline Sara Jane Beshore Don Lutz Marissa Diodynski Matt Kisch Flip Reppert Deb Levengood Gladys Kline Flip Reppert Justin Burns Sandy Laurance Mark Applegate
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-	Matt Kisch
14. Coffee & Dessert Basket	Flip Reppert
15. Fire Pit	Deb Levengood
16. Black Onyx Necklace	Gladys Kline
17. Gift Card	Flip Reppert
18. Necklace Set	Justin Burns
19. Popcorn Bucket	Sandy Laurance
20. Nativity Cross	Mark Applegate
21. Car Wash Bucket	Paul Majerich
22. Gift Card	Sharon Egolf
23. Grilling Basket	Palmer Smeltz
24. Radcliffe's Gift Card	Gene Redcay
25. Dr. Scholl Body Contour	Kennea Meitzler
26. PA German Dictionary	Tom Moyer
27. 2 Throw Pillows	Barb Reinert
28. Crocheted Lap Robe	Mike Sabocheck
29. Weather Alert Radio	Aneda Laragy



It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books doesn't mention autumn?

A. MatthewB. JeremiahC. ProverbsD. Jude



Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)

## **Did You Know?**

#### DOOR

A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and personal relationship with Jesus: "Knock

and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7, NIV). Conversely, a door represents Jesus' desire to be invited into our lives and hearts: "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the



door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" (Revelation 3:20, NIV).

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#### SEEDS OF VICTORY

Months before the U.S. won the World War II Battle of Midway, code analysts planted the seeds of victory far from the battle site. Using primitive predecessors to today's computers, they cracked a Japanese code, enabling America to avoid an ambush.

I wonder if those analysts go frustrated before the solution became clear. Did they ever believe hope was lost or wonder if all their work was worthwhile?

Christians, likewise, can feel discouraged. We

wonder if our attempts to teach kids about Jesus will ever bear fruit, if our small outreach efforts really make a difference and if sin and brokenness can ever be defeated.



We won't see all the results

of our labors, but we can trust they're not in vain. The same Spirit who helps us plant the seeds will bring them to harvest. And Jesus has already won the "battle" raging around us – the enemy forces just don't know it yet!

-Heidi Mann

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#### I SHALL NOT NEED

Despite the traditional wording ("The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want"), Psalm 23 declares that God provides everything we *need* – not everything we desire.

**"He makes me lie down...**" Sometimes our busyness is useful; other times it's how we feel in control or superior to others. God knows we need to rest and sometimes must make us do so!

"He leads me beside still waters..." Although we often prefer noisy distractions, God knows we need quiet to hear him and have our souls restored.

**"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."** Rather than a boast ("Ha! See how God spreads a banquet in my honor while others look on!"), this is a reminder that God wants us to dine with our enemies. We might not be able to stand those people, but God pursues reconciliation.

In the process, **"goodness and mercy...follow me all...my life."** That's what we need the most.

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#### New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts <u>August 31, 2016</u>

Asset Accounts	Balance
Memorial	\$ 15,990.67
Thrivent	5,912.31
Checking	9,174.46
Youth	968.05
Fidelity	132,919.27
Cash Reserve	14,479.01
Mission Investment	11,244.34
Local Care	832.50

#### <u>August 2016 — 'Actual' vs. 'Required'</u> <u>Income</u>

Income <u>Used For</u> :	Income Required <u>Per Month</u>	Actaual <u>Income</u>	Difference	
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,894.75	\$ 4,017.00	\$ (4,877.75)	

Income Required per Month — Based on 2016 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\$ 7,244.50 Funds Received to offset expenses



Dear New Jerusalem Lutheran Church members, thank you very much for your donation to the Brandywine Food Pantry. The cleaning supplies were especially appreciated! – Sincerely, St. Peter's UCC, Topton

Thank you to everyone who helped serve french fries on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Oley Fair. – Vírgínía Guínther

#### BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST (as of September 6, 2016)

Hamburger Helper®, flavored noodles, regular and flavored rice, Suddenly Salad®, instant potatoes (mashed, scallop, au gratin), stuffing (turkey and chicken)

Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, spam, ham, treet

Microwaveable Chef Boyardee® and regular Chef Boyardee (lasagna, beefaroni, spaghetti w/meatballs), Spaghetti-O's

**Drinks**: instant regular/decaf coffee, instant tea, regular coffee, fruit juices (apple, grape, and cranberry), juice boxes, Kool-Aid/Tang® mix, bottled water, ice tea mix (regular and diet), hot chocolate

**Snack Items**: fruit snacks, Goldfish, graham crackers, chips, cookies, snack crackers, popcorn, pretzels, applesauce, cereal bars, Jell-o, and pudding snack packs (regular and sugar-free)

Baking Items: flour, sugar (white and brown)

Pancake mix and syrup

**Condiments**: ketchup, mayonnaise, pickles and relish, spicy brown and regular mustard, marshmallow fluff, jelly, peanut butter

**Canned vegetables:** diced tomatoes, carrots, red beets, sweet peas, potatoes (sliced, diced, and whole)

Creamed soup / gravy

Canned fruit (pineapple, apricots, peaches, pears)

**Paper Products**: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, facial tissues

**Personal Hygiene**: shampoo, conditioner, shaving items, body lotion, chapstick, baby wipes, hand wipes, feminine products, and deodorant

Sugar free and gluten free items

**Cleaning Supplies**: dishwashing soap, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant sprays/cleaners

**PLEASE NOTE:** At the moment we have an abundance of macaroni and cheese, noodles, canned vegetables (especially green beans, mixed vegetables, corn, and various other beans, including pork and beans, baked beans), chicken/tomato soup, and regular Cheeriosl...THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

As a reminder, please check dates on packaging. We are unable to use outdated products.



- 4 Scott Beshore
- 5 Richard Boyer
- 12 Leon Moyer
- 13 Edna Conrad
- 14 Clay Angstadt
- 14 Marlowe Greis
- 19 Gladys Kline
- 20 Phyllis Fenstermacher
- 20 Tina Howell
- 20 Blane Musser
- 22 Warren Reinhart
- 23 Joanne Pauley
- 24 George DeLong
- 27 Luann Bennecoff
- 31 Daniel Pauley
- 31 Doreen Seaman



- 1 Craig and Lynne Lounsbury (22 years)
- 5 James and Barbara Fair (48 years)
- 6 Nathan and Rebecca Keller (9 years)
- 12 Jason and Elizabeth Keller (3 years)
- 13 Denny and Sara Jane Beshore (43 years)
- 28 Warren and Janice Reinhart (6 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.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING <u>IN YOUR PRAYERS</u>:

#### PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S

**PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care Facilities:** Dallas and Anna Angstadt, Cliff Barlet, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Jean Deysher, Helen Fair, Dennis Guinther, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, Betty Stoudt, and Arlene Yob.

#### **PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

**Members:** Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Ted Eshbach, Erma Gajewski, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Penny Keller, Paige Lambert, Sheila Long, Leon Moyer, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Doreen Seaman.

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams, Thelma Bright, Ronald Casper, Evelyn Collins, Richard D., Mark Derr, Kerry Dirsa, Eric Fox, Scott Fox, Tom Gajewski, Sonja Hernandez, Tara K., Lauren Kinney, Terry and Denise Kiser, Carla Kuser, Chris Kuseth, Chris Masters, Georgene McCool, Lillian Mengel, Robin Naugle, Kyle Olinger, Stacy Price, Faith Rothermel, Charles Sanders, Olivia Schoenly, Christine Schwoyer, Donna Schwoyer, Mazie Soden and her family, Jack Stoudt, Marilyn Timm, family and friends of Bobby Jo Utley, family and friends of Kenneth Walter, Sallie Weil, and Bishop Samuel Zeiser.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For our nation as we prepare to elect a new president, 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, especially the Middle East, the Ukraine and Sudan.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Lester Barlet, Sandy Burkhart, Patrick Collins, Alice Epler, Denise Haage, Jesus, Corinne Hersh, Linda Moyer, Luke Paxton, Andrew S., and Theresa S.



## THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## **October**

◆ 2 10:00 AM	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
	<ul> <li>Rally Day (breakfast served 8:30-9:15 a.m.)</li> </ul>
12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class
9 10:00 AM	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (G)
*16 10:00 AM	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (G)
12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class
2:30 PM	Service of Healing and Holy Communion
	<ul> <li>Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville</li> </ul>
23 10:00 AM	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (G)
*30 10:00 AM	Reformation Day – Holy Communion (G)
12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class

## **November**

6	10:00 AM	All Saints' Sunday – Holy Communion (W)
*13	10:00 AM	Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
20	10:00 AM	Christ the King Sunday – Holy Communion (W)
	2:30 PM	Service of Healing and Holy Communion
		<ul> <li>New Jerusalem Lutheran Church</li> </ul>
23	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service – Holy Communion (W)
*27	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent (B)

## **December**

- 4 10:00 AM Second Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (B)
- 11 10:00 AM Third Sunday of Advent (B)
- 18 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
- 24 Christmas Eve Holy Communion (W)
  - 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
  - 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 25 10:00 AM Christmas Day Holy Communion (W)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

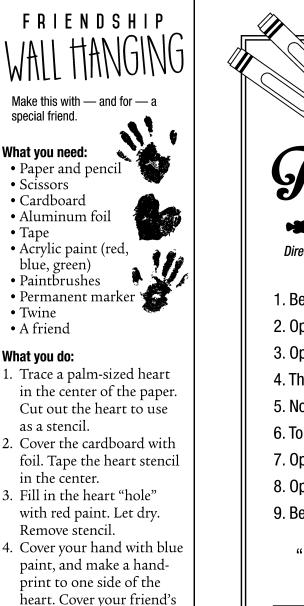
(\*) Fellowship after worship

( ) Breakfast before worship





#### **OCTOBER 2016 ACTIVITIES**



hand with green paint and have him or her make a

handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.

6. On the back, tape twine

5. Write "FRIENDS" at

to make a hanger.

the top.



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Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's

## **OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS**

DATE	GREETER	Reader	ACOLYTE	BID THE PRAYERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
10/2	Joshua Keck	Charli Rissmiller			Gladys Kline	Dale Schwoyer
10/9	Dan & Joanne Pauley	Cindy Rissmiller			Lucille Jones	Lloyd & Linda Moyer
10/16	Sue Schlenker	Roy Merkel			Dale Schwoyer	Lucille Jones
10/23	Jeannette DeLong	Ty Rissmiller			Jeannette DeLong	George & Jeannette DeLong
10/30	Denny Beshore	Dale Schwoyer			(sponsor needed)	(sponsor needed)

#### ALTAR GUILD: Tara Basta

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: George and Jeannette DeLong

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Lloyd and Linda Moyer

**COMMUNION BREAD:** 10/2 – Cheryl Wiltrout; 10/30 – Gladys Kline

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 10/2 – Cheryl Wiltrout; 10/30 – (volunteer needed)

**COUNCIL PERSON:** Cheryl Wiltrout, 610-683-7152

# **OCTOBER 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Communion 8:30-9:15am-Rally Day Breakfast 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class	3	4 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	5	6 9:00am-Worship & Music Committee Meeting	7	8 9:00-3:00pm-ALOA Adult Ministry Festival, Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown
9 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting Columbus Day	11 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14	15 8:00-2:00pm-New Jerusalem Yard Share & Bake Sale
16 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • Fellowship after worship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class 2:30pm-Service of Healing and Holy Communion, Christ Mertz Lutheran Church	17 7:00pm-Council and Mutual Ministry Meeting with Pastor Mary Gade	18 5:30-7:00pm-Loaves and Fishes Meal, Trinity Lutheran, Topton 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	19 10:00am-Member Care/Visitation Meeting 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle Hall	20	21	22 1:00-3:30pm-9/11 Remembrance Event, Longswamp UCC 4:00-7:00pm-Chicken & Waffle Dinner
23 23rd Sunday after Pentecost NewsLetter DEADLine	24	25 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28	29
30 Reformation Sunday • Holy Communion • Fellowship after worship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class	31 Shoo-fly Pie Bake Sale November 1-2 Happy Halloween!					