

**THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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*We promise to*  
*“live among God’s faithful people;*  
*hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper;*  
*proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;*  
*serve all people following the example of Jesus; and*  
*strive for justice and peace in all the earth.”*

**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,

One of my favorite songs from a VBS I led years ago is “Promise Chain,” written by Jack Miffleton. It starts out:

*We are the links in a promise chain, joining heaven and earth.*

I picture a strong, but beautiful chain of precious metal, stunning in its mixture of colors.

As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant/Lutheran Reformation later this month, I am mindful that Luther and the other reformers of the 1500s were links in the promise chain dating back to the first humans whom God created and pronounced “very good.” Despite their rebellion, God loved our ancestors and promised to send a savior. The leaders and prophets of Israel were links in the promise chain, reminding people of God’s will and God’s promise. Jesus was the fulfillment of the promise and those who followed him throughout the centuries helped to link *us* to Jesus. Now *we* are the links in that “promise chain” and we are privileged to work with God and others in the joining of heaven and earth.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate as our confirmands take for themselves the vows that their parents and sponsors made for them at baptism. We have spent over two years working together to understand, not only with our heads, but also with our hands and hearts, how much God loves us and the implications for our lives. (I say “our” because I have grown along with each of these young Christians and their parents.) We’ve not only met every other week for two hours during two school years, but also gone on retreats with other confirmands and pastors, helped plan worship at New Jerusalem, and participated in service with and to our fellow members. (The shut-ins still talk about how wonderful the cookies were.) In essence, the Confirmation Service on October 29<sup>th</sup> is a celebration of these shining links in God’s promise chain, as well as an affirmation by all present of their place in that same chain.

The date for confirmation was chosen over two years ago, knowing full well that this would be the Sunday that Christians throughout the world would celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It was also about that time that the ELCA chose “Always Re-forming” as the theme for the anniversary. What a wonderful fit: seven young Lutherans affirming their place on the promise chain as Christians throughout the world celebrate and affirm their faith! Yes, the church is always re-forming.

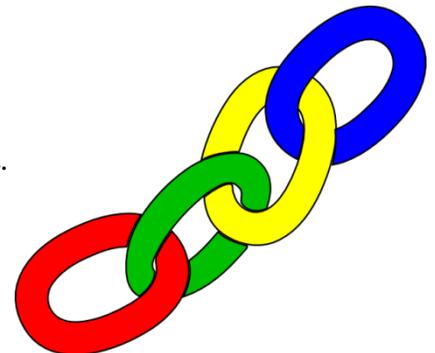
On October 15<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the many vocations of our members, *vocation* meaning not just the way one earns a living, but ways God has called each of us to serve. As we do so, we will learn about the various ways God uses our links to join heaven and earth. We will also be better able to factor in the many gifts with which God has blessed us as this congregation continues to re-form.

Miffleton’s song ends with this joyous paraphrase of God’s invitation:

*Join the promise chain, and love will come to reign.  
Span the oceans, hand in hand, join the promise chain.*

Join me in affirming your “yes” and celebrating God’s love.

*Pastor Ruth*



# NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes will be held on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m.** Confirmation will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## VOCATION SUNDAY

Plan now to join us for worship on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** when we will celebrate our God-given vocations. Some think vocation means the way you earn money, but it really comes from the Latin word that means *calling*.

Think about what God has called or may be calling you to do with your life. (There actually may be a number of things.) Then, wear or bring a symbol of your vocation / calling when you come to worship on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can't attend, you can still arrange to send something for us to display with your name. Just call or email the church office if you need someone to pick something up.

## SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOLY COMMUNION

Join us for our Service of Healing and Holy Communion on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m.** at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. While all are welcome, this service is especially designed for those whose health situation prevents them from attending morning worship or who need extra assistance. If you know someone who might like to attend, but would need help with transportation, or if you are able to assist with transportation, please let Pastor Ruth know.

## REFORMATION SUNDAY – October 29<sup>th</sup>

### NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

### OCTOBER SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of a Communion Set-up volunteer for October 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who signed up.

### SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE

A shoo-fly pie bake sale will be held on **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please contact the church office to order pies or if you **can help bake**. Pies are only \$5.00 each.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – November 5<sup>th</sup>

Join with the living saints to remember and thank God for the many saints who touch and have touched our lives and to support those whose loved ones have died in this past year. While we will name and light a candle for Jean Deysher, Betty Stoudt, Dallas Angstadt, Ralph Krick, Clifford Barlet, Russell Miller, Drena Kocher, and Arlene Yob, each family will also be invited to light a candle for those they want to remember and for whom they want to give thanks. Please join us for worship and Holy Communion, which is the celebration of the feast of victory of our God, and invite a friend to come with you.

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – November 12<sup>th</sup>

Watch your bulletin and newsletter for more information regarding this service. Our Congregational Meeting will take place after the worship service followed by a catered luncheon.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Congregational Meeting to approve the 2018 budget will be held on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the worship service. There will be a catered luncheon following the meeting. Please invite other members and be sure to join us.

## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

The joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Holy Communion will be held on **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** This year Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, will host the worship service with Christ Mertz and New Jerusalem joining in this celebration. Join us as we thank God for his bountiful gifts!

## WITH SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of Drena Kocher who passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2017 in the Mifflin Center. A memorial service was held on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

## NORTHEASTERN PA SYNOD DAILY PRAYERS

Did you know that every morning at 9:30 a.m. Bishop Zeiser and his staff pause for prayer. They have let us know that they will be specifically naming our congregation and ministry on October

9<sup>th</sup> and ask that we pray for them and their ministry as well.

### CRUISE FOR A CURE

What a great turnout we had for the car cruise on September 9<sup>th</sup>. There were about 250 show cars present and many spectators which was wonderful. The weather was perfect—a cool 69 degrees or so, sunny, and no rain in the forecast this year.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone for all your help prior to the event, throughout the day, and after with the cleanup. Thank you for your donations of food, fruit, desserts, beverages and raffle prizes. The food as always was outstanding! We were all so busy serving and attending to the needs of our guests that no one had a chance to sit down and take it easy. We sold all the food except for a very small amount of desserts. Also, ice cream was left over, probably due to cooler temperatures.

Cindy and Mark Tobias, Event Leaders for the Kutztown Relay for Life Walk, represented the American Cancer Society. Mark shared information with the people about programs offered by ACS and thanked everyone for their support.

Our friends, our church family, customers and business vendors supplied us again with fantastic raffle and door prizes. Each show car owner received a ticket, and then we had three hourly door prize drawings of five or six prizes and a final drawing for all participants including previous winners. The prizes for the final drawing consisted of more costly items such as an Odyssey Battery, a battery charger, \$50 Gift Cards, several \$25 Gift Cards, booster cables, a sander, just to name a few.

Listening to comments from people this week who were at the cruise makes us feel really proud of all of you. Comments range from people who attend year after year to those who came this year for the first time and actually spoke to us saying how much fun they had. They are grateful to our relay team members and all involved in this fundraiser, because there are very few families, if any, that haven't been touched by cancer. They enjoy seeing the cool cars, listening to good music, enjoying delicious homemade food and being able to donate to ACS through our church's Relay for Life Team.

Funds received from the Raffle drawing, the 50/50 drawing and the Wall Hanging drawing were \$2,253. Donations received from the Cruise Car admission and Spectator admission amounted to \$3,297. Food sales totaled \$3,694, the used book sale \$40 and special donations for ACS were

\$1,017. **Total funds received were an awesome \$10,301.** After a minor expense, checks totaling \$10,269.25 will be presented to the American Cancer Society and our Relay for Life team will receive credit for this contribution. In our own small way we join with thousands of others to **Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back to create a World with more Birthdays.**

Thank you all for pitching in and working so hard to have this event run so smoothly. It is a lot of work, but the rewards are so gratifying for all of us.

God Bless,  
*Faye and Larry Dey*

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### CRUISE FOR A CURE RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

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

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Samsung 32" Smart TV       | Dean Stump      |
| 2. Pressure Washer            | Terry Hartman   |
| 3. Shop Vac                   | Carl Dey        |
| 4. Sofa Table                 | T. Clyde        |
| 5. Longaberger Basket         | Bob Young       |
| 6. Debbie Brooks Handbag      | Peggy Cawley    |
| 7. Godiva Chocolate Basket    | Debi Moyer      |
| 8. \$50 Gift Certificate      | Charlene Bishop |
| 9. Blood Pressure Monitor     | Phil Behm       |
| 10. Foldable Wagon            | Tom Mitchell    |
| 11. Sorelli Jewelry           | Brody Renninger |
| 12. Ninja Chopper             | Derik Charles   |
| 13. Bath & Body Works Set     | Larry Dey       |
| 14. Crocheted Afghan          | Mary Steffy     |
| 15. Amazing Grace Cross       | Diane Mason     |
| 16. Tote and Target Gift Card | Erma Gajewski   |
| 17. Weaver's Hardware G/C     | Susie Q.        |
| 18. Handcrafted Necklace      | Michele Triebel |
| 19. Radcliffe Gift Card       | Erma Gajewski   |
| 20. Crocheted Lap Robe        | Holly Allen     |
| 21. Gift Card                 | Oletha Hartman  |
| 22. Gift Card                 | Joan Stauffer   |
| 23. PA German Dictionary      | Josh Stauffer   |
| 24. Handcrafted Afghan        | Sue Schlenker   |
| 25. Gift Card                 | Diane Mason     |
| 26. Gift Card                 | Ray Friz        |
| 27. Cover & Placemats         | David Schucker  |
| 28. Handcrafted Afghan        | Donna Berry     |
| 29. Painted Crock             | Paul Strood     |
| 30. Organizer w/Cooler        | Lori Meltzer    |
| 31. Embroid. Hand Towels      | Elaine Seip     |
| 32. Set of Pub Glasses        | Larry Bowman    |
| 33. Battery Charger           | Elaine Seip     |
| 34. Laptop Case               | Ken Krause      |



## EVENTS

36. Gift Basket Faye Beamenderfer  
**Monday, October 16.** 500 Years of Faith Potluck Dinner at the Leesport Market Banquet Hall from 5-8:30 p.m. All Lutheran congregations in the area are invited to participate. Bring your best potluck side dish or dessert to share – main course of sausage and kraut will be provided. \$3.00 per person + food panty donation (*to cover costs and help our neighbors in need*). Hymn-singing / Lutheran Bingo / Lutheran Trivia / Lutheran Door Prizes / Lutheran Choir and Orchestra. Special remarks shared by Bishop Samuel Zeiser on “Why I Love Being a Lutheran!” Advanced R.S.V.P. is required. **Sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex by October 8<sup>th</sup>.** Please see the bulletin board for further details.

**Sunday, October 22.** Worship Service of Word and Music. Leaders from the Roman Catholic, Methodist, UCC/Reformed, Episcopal and Lutheran traditions have joined together to plan this special service at 3:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church, 2810 St. Alban’s Drive, Sinking Spring.

**Tuesday, October 24.** Showing “Martin Luther: An Idea that Changed the World” movie at the Hamburg Strand at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Bruce Osterhout at 610.562.3112 or [pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org](mailto:pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org).

**Thursday, October 26.** There will be a showing of the new Luther movie “Martin Luther: An Idea That Changed the World” to support the Food Pantry at the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Kutztown University and the IHartHarvest, Inc., The Potato Project. Go to: <http://luthermovie.link/Reading> to order tickets.

**Saturday and Sunday, October 28-29.** Ken Medema, musician extraordinaire, will help the Lehigh Mission District celebrate with a free concert on Saturday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. Both concerts will be held at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown. Free will offering will be taken.

**Sunday, October 29.** The Allentown Band will be performing another concert at 3:00 p.m. at Union Lutheran Church, 5500 Route 873, Schnecksville.

## YOU’VE GOT MAIL

During the end of September and the beginning of October our second lesson is from Paul’s letter to the Philippians, the first Christian church in Europe. The city was established by Philip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great. It later became a Roman colony and was a key stop on an important trade route between Rome and its eastern empire. Paul founded the congregation in about 50 CE and visited it once. Paul and Silas had actually been imprisoned in Philippi but were released when there was an earthquake and the jailer had become a convert (Acts 16:16-34; Acts 20:6). Now he is writing to them from another prison, though we don’t know which city he is in. He is writing to thank them for a gift they have sent.

Despite being written from in prison, this is Paul’s happiest letter and it’s hard to not catch the joy as you read it through. His is a joy that does not come from his circumstances, but from his inner experiences of life in Jesus. The joy of life in Christ spills out into the lives of anyone who receives him. Christ is the one who shows us that God cannot be kept to oneself or hoarded. “It is this ‘spilling out’ quality of Christ’s life that accounts for the happiness of Christians, for joy is life in excess, the overflow of what cannot be contained in any one person.” (Eugene Peterson *The Message* p. 2133)

As you read through this short letter (4 chapters, 7 pages), you will find many passages we frequently hear in our readings and our hymns. I encourage you to read it through in one or a few sittings and then read it again in another translation like *The Message*.

Here’s a quick overview stringing together several of its verses:

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice! I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I have never had the slightest doubt that the *God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ. Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself, as a servant. Celebrate God all day, every day! Make it as clear as you can to all*

*you meet that you're on their side. You can be sure God will take care of everything you need. So, rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!* (phrases in italics from *The Message*. Used with permission.)

For tickets contact Diane Haring at 610.683.7755 or St. John's at 610.683.3140. Limited tickets available day of the sale. Baked goods will also be available for purchase.

## NEWS & EVENTS

in the community

### “JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF” SUPPORT GROUP

Lutheran Congregational Services is sponsoring a six-week support group on Tuesday evenings, **October 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 201 East Main Street, Kutztown. **There is no registration fee** to attend this group.

### IRON KETTLE SOUP SALE

Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, will be holding a soup sale on **Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** They will have vegetable beef and chicken corn noodle soup on sale for \$6/quart and \$24/gallon. They will fill your containers. To preorder call Renee at 484.646.9082. Leave your name, phone number, and amounts you would like.

### MARTIN LUTHER—CELEBRATION OF REFORMATION AND MUSIC CONCERT

A concert will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 117 East Arch Street, Fleetwood on **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

### THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

Four boys growing up in post-war Liverpool found and wrote about friendship and love in a variety of evolving ways. Questions of love and identity are theological questions. What do the writers of “Love Me Do” and “All You Need Is Love” have to say to us, and how do we respond? Dr. Reddick Webber, Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry at Moravian College with discuss *Getting By* and *Getting High: The Beatles' Evolving Concepts of Reality, Identity, and Love* on **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main Street, Kutztown.

### PULLED PORK DINNER

St. John's Lutheran Church, 201 E. Main Street, Kutztown. Parking Lot Sale. **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 p.m.** \$8.00 Pulled Pork, mini hoagie roll, baked potato, applesauce (takeout only).

### ADULT LUTHERANS IN MINISTRY (ALIM) – ADULT MINISTRY FESTIVAL

With so many congregations declining in numbers and members increasing in age, what can you do to reverse this trend and revitalize your congregation? Keynote speaker, Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer at Moravian Theological Seminary will be presenting “Church: Still Reforming or The Myth of the Good Old Days.” Workshops with take-home ideas for planning, organizing, and mission, worship, and options for children and youth. **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 Tilghman Street, Allentown. A registration fee of \$18 includes continental breakfast and lunch. See the bulletin board for information and registration form.

### LOAVES AND FISHES

Join us on **Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for a **FREE** fellowship and community meal at Trinity Lutheran Church, 121 S. Home Avenue, Topton. Everyone is welcome!

### 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 **October 18<sup>th</sup> – *Just Not Getting Over It: Depression and Complicated or Unresolved Grief.*** Crafts, refreshments and a time for sharing will follow each program or presentation.

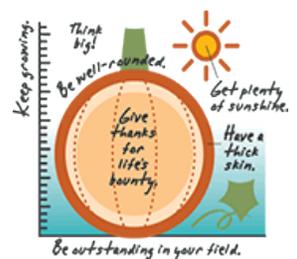
### JEFF STICE PIANO SOLO CONCERT

A concert will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 117 East Arch Street, Fleetwood, on **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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### ADVICE FROM A PUMPKIN

Be well-rounded.  
Get plenty of sunshine.  
Give thanks for life's bounty.  
Have a thick skin.  
Keep growing.



Be outstanding in your field.  
Think big!

– Ilan Shamire

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**CHANGES**

After an enjoyable summer, we are into fall. Leaves are beginning to turn, temperatures are still fluctuating between summer and cooler fall weather, and we think about piles of raked leaves being scattered by children jumping and showering each other with them. What a sight—all your hard work gone in a flash. The smiles and laughter somehow make it okay. I'm sure that makes God smile too. Innocent children enjoying his gifts to them.

Ahead of us are pumpkins and apple pies, cider, fall house cleaning (yes some people still do that), putting that bountiful garden to bed, and enjoying the cooler crisp air. We glide from one season to another and don't stop to realize how natural it all seems and how fortunate we are to have the seasonal changes. It gives you a feeling of renewal and thankfulness. It puts a spring in your step and you feel a bit perkier?!? Well, maybe not perkier, but somehow refreshed. At times like this how can we not believe in God? He has given us so much and we need to take time to thank him for all these blessings. Thank you, dear Father, for being such a caring guardian. Amen.

–From The Prayer Circle Committee



### **LABELS FOR EDUCATION IS ENDING**

The *Labels for Education* program is coming to a close. Why is it ending? In the past few years participation in the program has declined, and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the *Labels for Education* program. New Jerusalem will not be collecting any more labels. We thank everyone who participated in this rewarding program.



### **WERE YOU AWARE?**

New Jerusalem participates in the [Caring & Sharing 1% Rebate Program](#) at Boyer's Food Markets.

Our church can earn a rebate of 1% on all of our church members' purchases. No Receipts to Save, No Receipts to Add Up! Just Benefits for our church.



Here's how it works:

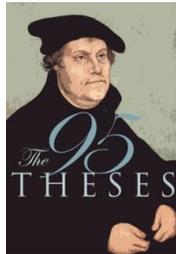
1. Pick up a Boyer's scannable key tag on the yellow table in the narthex, which can be carried on your key ring.
2. Present the key tag to the cashier, who will then scan it and ring up your order.
3. Boyer's will then rebate each group 1% of the total purchases (excluding tax, milk, and cigarettes). Rebates are issued twice per year.

There is no limit to the amount of money our church can earn. This money can be used for anything our church needs.

# Bible Quiz

Which of the following statements impressed Martin Luther, a leader of the Reformation?

- A. "I am not ashamed of my good works."
- B. "I am not ashamed of the laws of Moses."
- C. "I am not ashamed of the gospel."
- D. "I am not ashamed of my God."



Answer: C (see Romans 1:16)

## WOMEN OF THE REFORMATION

Although the names most often associated with the Reformation are male, women also played key roles in maintaining the integrity of the church. "Most were wives and mothers," professor Justin Holcomb writes. "Some were also authors, apologists, ex-nuns, and queens. All were faithful servants of Jesus."

Women who made notable contributions include:

- Katherine von Bora, the former nun who married former-priest Martin Luther.
- Argula von Grumbach, a Barvarian noblewoman who published letters and debated with university faculty.
- Olympia Fulvia Morata, an Italian scholar who lectured on the teachings of Luther and Calvin – and was persecuted and imprisoned.
- Jeanne d'Albret, queen of Navarre and a leader in France's Huguenot movement, who tried to peacefully resolve tensions between Catholics and Protestants.
- Marie Dentiere, an aristocrat who left an Augustinian monastery to speak in public—even on street corners!—about church reform.



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# Thank You

Dear Members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation to the Brandywine Food Pantry! We appreciate your continued support. – Sincerely, *St. Peter's UCC*

Dear New Jerusalem Congregation, the Luther Meadows Residents want to say thank you for the fruit and vegetables from the Harvest Home Service. The residents were very grateful and enjoyed them. – *The Residents of Luther Meadows*

Members of New Jerusalem Lutheran, we would like to sincerely thank the members who helped with the funeral luncheon, and also those that donated baked goods for desserts at the funeral of my sister, Drena Kocher. Thank you also to Faye Dey for the beautiful music played. Thank you to all the members who attended the service and their support. Our family is truly blessed with all the love and support we received. God bless you! – Sincerely yours, *Jerry Keller, Janet, and family*

Thank you to those who helped serve french fries at the Oley Fair on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We served 79 bags of fries and they are 30 lbs. each. – *Virginia Guinther*



- 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 (23 years)
- 5 James and Barbara Fair (49 years)
- 6 Nathan and Rebecca Keller (10 years)
- 12 Jason and Elizabeth Keller (4 years)
- 13 Denny and Sara Jane Beshore (44 years)
- 28 Warren and Janice Reinhart (7 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.*

**REFORMATION MILESTONE:  
CELEBRATION AND REPENTANCE**

October 31, 2017, marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Germany. This wasn’t an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.



Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ (“the priesthood of all believers”), so there’s no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose—Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others—and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults “with the best of them”; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological

opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in German, states: “In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years.”

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**TOMORROW**

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow.

The same God who cares for you today  
Will take care of you and yours tomorrow and every day.

Either God will shield you from suffering  
Or God will give you unfailing strength to bear it.  
Be at peace then and put aside  
All anxious thoughts and imaginations.

– St. Francis de Sales



**PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD’S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care Facilities:** Anna Angstadt, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Helen Fair, Dennis Guinther, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, and Arlene Yob.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

**Members:** Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Lori Eck, Betty Eshbach, Erma Guinther, Anna Heffner, Amanda Herman, Family and friends of Drena Kocher, Sheila Long, Betty Musser, Daniel Pauley, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Susan Schlenker.

**Friends of the congregation:** Kathy Adams, Regina B., Family and friends of Thelma Bailey (Dan Bailey’s mother), Thelma Bright, Dick Curtin, Verna Davis, Mark Derr, Esther Dunkelberger, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Janis Kershner, Lauren Kinney, Joe Klick, Ethan Kunkel, Cassidy McKeever, Kyle Olinger, Tim and Carol Romig, Randy S., Sue S., Charles Sanders, Jonah Schlegel, Family and friends of Olivia Schoenly (Ted Eshbach’s mother), Chuck Sharadin, Jerry Schwambach, Ruby Grace Shoff, Jacki Wagner, Sallie Weil, Kenneth Yenser, and Ben

Young.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For our nation, for our 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.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Sandy Burkhart, George DeLong, Alice Epler, Erma Gajewski, Corinne Hersh, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Joshua S., Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.

*“You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones.”*

—St. Augustine

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

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 18,510.38
Thrivent	7,066.50
Checking	8,318.81
Youth	628.57
Fidelity	147,300.52
Cash Reserve	7,067.48
Mission Investment	11,287.45
Local Care	1,123.23

**August 2017 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’  
Income**

	Income		
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,519.17	\$ 4,282.78	\$ (4,236.39)

*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**

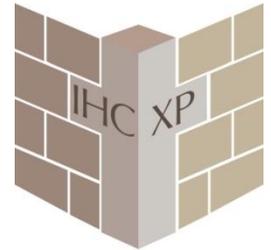
\$ 37,140.00 Total Expenses for Project  
\$ 14,824.50 Funds Received to offset expenses

**Did You Know?**

**CORNERSTONE**

A cornerstone harkens back to God’s pronouncement in Isaiah 28:16 that he “has laid as a foundation in Zion ... a precious cornerstone.”

Ephesians 2:20 declares that Jesus is the cornerstone of the household of God. The letters IHC and XP are abbreviations for “Jesus” and “Christ” in ancient Greek.



**BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE  
(as of August 8, 2017)**

**Donated items most helpful right now:**

**Coffee, ketchup, mayonnaise or miracle whip, sugar, snacks, and laundry detergent.**

**The pantry is currently in need of the following items:**

**Canned Fruits:** sliced peaches, mandarin oranges, pears, fruit cups, 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.

**Potatoes:** instant mashed or scalloped, or other potato products

**Soups:** especially Progresso brand

**Condiments:** mayonnaise or miracle whip, brown mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, pickles

**Coffee:** regular, decaf and instant, tea

**Fruit Juice:** grape, cranberry, apple

**Extras:** jelly, peanut butter, marshmallow fluff

**Dry Goods:** Hamburger Helper; stuffing mix; Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Sides

**Pasta:** various types, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese

**Baking Items:** vinegar, cooking oil, flour, sugar

**Cereal:** hot or cold

**Snacks:** all kinds, including pretzels, chips, energy bars, etc.

**Paper Products:** tissues, toilet paper, paper towels

**Personal Care Items:** shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, personal hygiene items, such as combs and brushes

**Cleaning and Disinfectant Products:** dish soap and laundry detergent

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

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.

**Donations may be brought to church or dropped off at St. Peter's UCC, 122 W. Franklin Street, Tipton, Tuesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call either Tuesday or Thursday, or leave a message with your contact information. Thank you!**

*Thank you for your support!*  
**DISASTER RESPONSE**

Will suffering and disasters never end? The storms and earthquakes of August and September have certainly brought extreme damage to our western hemisphere. Hurricane Harvey was one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the U.S. in a decade, and Hurricane Irma was the longest-lasting powerful hurricane ever recorded in the world. Then came the earthquakes in Mexico and Hurricane Maria in the Caribbean. As we watch the photos, our hearts cry out, "How can we help?"

Psalm 46 proclaims: "God is our refuge and our strength. A very present help in trouble." One of the ways God is a very present help in trouble is through the ways the people of God reach out to help others who are in need.

The ELCA was mobilized on the ground in the areas of impact even before the storms hit. Lutheran Disaster Response, through its network of local affiliates and partner organizations, is responding to these storms and will be there throughout the long-term recovery. Lutheran World Relief is busy partnering with other aid organizations to get out quilts and hygiene kits. All of this can happen quickly because people have been filling the warehouses with supplies over the past months. Now it is imperative that we gather what is needed so it can continue to get out and then be stockpiled for future events.

**What can we do?** 1) Pray for all survivors and for responders. 2) Help to contribute what is requested

to reputable organizations. (Money given to reputable organizations is the most helpful at this stage.) 3) Help spread the word to others on how they, too, can help. 4) Continue in our efforts even after the stories are no longer considered "news." It will take years and years to rebuild. Once the media leave, people often feel forgotten and that only adds to their despair.

Here are ways we at New Jerusalem have been proactive and are continuing to respond:

- 1) We've been saving the 5 gallon buckets from the syrup used in baking shoofly pies. These are needed to hold clean-up supplies. At the end of this article you will find a list of supplies that are needed for filling the buckets. They can be brought to the church and put in the coat closet area.
- 2) Earlier this year a few of us started assembling quilts to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Now we need more hands to help as well as material that can be used for filler such as thin blankets and bedsheets that can be used as backs for the quilts. Some work, such as sewing pieces together to make tops or knotting the layers together, can be done at home. We also hope to have an assembly "party" in the not too distant future. Please contact Sue Schlenker, Betty Eshbach, or Pastor Ruth if you are curious or interested.
- 3) We continue to encourage financial donations to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), since **100%** of all funds go directly to those in need and LDR has an excellent reputation for leadership as well as working with other partners.
- 4) Anyone with investments or insurance through Thrivent could help us get grants for supplies for the quilts or for purchasing some of the needed cleaning supplies.
- 5) We will continue to pray for all involved in these disasters while not forgetting those who have other needs.

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS:**

- Four **scouring pads** – no stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- Seven **sponges**, including one large (no cellulose sponges due to mold issues)
- One **scrub brush**
- Eighteen **reusable cleaning towels** (e.g. Easy

Wipes)

- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of **liquid laundry detergent**
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of **liquid disinfectant dish soap**
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of **household cleaner** that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 **clothespins**
- **Clothesline**, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five **dust masks**
- Two pairs of non-surgical **latex gloves**
- One pair **work gloves**, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon **trash bags** on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol **insect repellent**

All cleaning items must be new—all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
2017 HURRICANES

SEPTEMBER 2017

ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Irma was one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the Atlantic. On the heels of Hurricane Harvey, the storm hit the Caribbean and southern United States, leaving widespread damage in its wake. Then came Maria.

As a church, we're standing by our neighbors who have been affected as they begin the long road to recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliates are collaborating with community leaders and government officials to respond. Please give now to support this response.

Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by these disasters for years to come.

Unfortunately, these hurricanes may not be the last of the season.

To give to the hurricane response where funds are needed most, select "Hurricane response" below. To give directly to relief efforts for Hurricane Irma, select "Hurricane Irma" below.

Your gifts will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response. Give now to support survivors of disasters.

**YES, I WANT TO HELP!**

- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane response*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDC0087  
 Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Irma*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDC0088

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009  
Write "*Hurricane response*" or "*Hurricane Irma*" on your check's memo line.



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## **THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **October**

- \* 1      10:00 AM      Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)  
          12:00-2:00 PM      Confirmation Class
- 8      10:00 AM      Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 15      10:00 AM      Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)  
          ▪ Vocation Sunday  
          12:00-2:00 PM      Confirmation Class  
          2:30 PM      Healing Service at New Jerusalem
- 22      10:00 AM      Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 29      10:00 AM      Reformation Sunday – Holy Communion (R)  
          ▪ Confirmation

### **November**

- 5      10:00 AM      All Saints' Sunday – Holy Communion (W)
- 12      10:00 AM      Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (G)  
          ▪ Stewardship Sunday  
          ▪ Congregational Meeting after worship followed by a luncheon
- 19      10:00 AM      Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 22      7:00 PM      Thanksgiving Eve Service – Holy Communion (G)  
          ▪ Held at Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers
- \* 26      10:00 AM      Christ the King – Holy Communion (W)

### **December**

- 3      10:00 AM      First Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion (B)
- \* 10      10:00 AM      Second Sunday of Advent (B)
- 17      10:00 AM      Third Sunday of Advent (B)
- \* 24      10:00 AM      Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
- Christmas Eve (W)  
          5:00 PM      Christmas Eve Family Service – Holy Communion  
          9:00 PM      Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Holy Communion
- 31      10:00 AM      First Sunday after Christmas (W)

#### **FELLOWSHIP DATES:**

- ( \* ) Fellowship after worship  
( ■ ) Catered luncheon after Congregational Meeting



## Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.



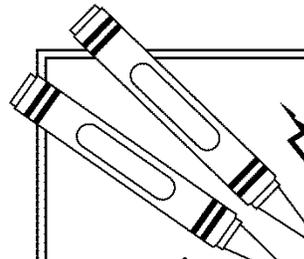
**What you need:**

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers



**What you do:**

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



# PUZZLE

## The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.*

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
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R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	O	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

“ \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_  
 through \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ”

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

## OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
10/1	Susan Schlenker	Ken Keck	Jeannette DeLong	George & Jeannette DeLong
10/8	Tara Basta	Roy Merkel	Dale Schwoyer	Lloyd & Linda Moyer
10/15 10:00 a.m. <u>Healing Service</u> 2:30 p.m.	Gladys Kline Tara Basta	Gladys Kline	The Bailey Family	Virginia Guinther
10/22	Joshua Keck	Cindy Rissmiller	Lucille Jones	Phyllis Fenstermacher
10/29	Jeannette DeLong	Dale Schwoyer	Dan & Joanne Pauley	Dan & Joanne Pauley

**ALTAR GUILD:** Linda Moyer

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Lucille Jones

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Lloyd and Linda Moyer

**COMMUNION BREAD:** 10/1 – Dan and Joanne Pauley; 10/15 – Faye Dey; 10/29 – Jeannette DeLong

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 10/1 – Gladys Kline; 10/15 – Faye Dey; 10/29 – *(volunteer needed)*

**COUNCILPERSON:** Linda Moyer

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

# OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship <b>12:00-2:00pm</b> -Confirmation Class	2	3 <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal	4	5 <b>9:30am</b> -Worship and Music Committee Mtg.	6	7
8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	9 <b>7:00pm</b> -Finance Committee Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> -Council Meeting  <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	10 <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13	14
15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Vocation Sunday ▪ Fellowship after worship <b>12:00-2:00pm</b> -Confirmation Class <b>2:30pm</b> -Healing Service at New Jerusalem	16	17 <b>5:30-7:00pm</b> -Loaves and Fishes, Trinity Lutheran, Tipton <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal	18 <b>11:30am</b> -Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle's <b>7:00pm</b> -Stewardship Meeting	19	20	21
22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23	24 <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday/Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Confirmation ▪ Fellowship after worship  Shoo-fly Pie Bake -----▶	30	31 <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal  -----▶	NOV 1			<b>REFORMATION 500 ANNIVERSARY:</b> There are numerous events happening in October. Please check this newsletter for an up-to-date list.