

## THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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**GOD**  
*is our*  
**REFUGE**  
**&**  
**STRENGTH,**  
*an ever-present*  
**HELP**  
*in trouble.*

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,

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

These are the opening words of Psalm 46, the psalm appointed for Reformation Sunday. This was one of Luther’s favorites, and, in fact, the one on which he based the hymn, “A Mighty Fortress is our God”.

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. . .  
[even t]hough the waters rage and foam. . .”

What an appropriate psalm for this October!

As I write this, our brothers and sisters in the Carolinas and the Philippines are watching the waters rage and foam, the rivers swell and mud slides down their hills because the clouds have dumped unimaginable rain upon their land.

As I write this, we are also preparing for October 14 when we will observe Vocation Sunday, a time to thank God for and rededicate ourselves to the many tasks and settings to which God has called us. Vocations are not necessarily the same as, but can include, employment. This year we will be giving special thanks for first responders in and outside our community. We have invited those who are involved with fire companies, law enforcement, EMS and ambulance to join us in worship as we ask God to strengthen us for service. Please invite anyone you know.

God is our refuge and our strength. . . . Therefore we will not fear. . . .

It’s hard to not be afraid when things – tasks, challenges, bad news, you name it – keep pouring down upon us. It’s so easy to feel like we are drowning in responsibilities and anxiety. Yet the psalmist and Luther remind us, that God is our refuge and our strength.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;  
though its waters rage and foam,  
and though . . . [t]he nations rage, and the kingdoms shake. . . .  
The Lord of hosts (the angel armies) is with us;  
the God of Jacob (our ancestors) is our stronghold.

The Lord, the commander, of “the angel armies” is with us. What a neat way to picture those who come to help when there is trouble, as members of the angel armies sent by God!

Psalm 46 continues with these words, “Come, . . . behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.” It closes with: “Be still, then, and know that I am God” and reaffirms, “The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.”

This month let us take time to not only thank God for the angels, human and divine, who come to help us. Let us not only rededicate our lives to be among those who help. Let us also take time to just be, to just be still, and feel the presence of the God of the angel armies, the Lord of hosts who is and promises to always be with us.

*Pastor Ruth*

# NEWS & EVENTS

## in New Jerusalem and the Synod

### COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at their September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- A visit to Congregation Keneseth Israel has been scheduled for Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- A Healing Service will be held on Sunday, October 21, at 2:30 p.m.
- The tile floor in the narthex has been repaired.
- A Fall Campfire will be held on Saturday, November 3, from 3-8 p.m.
- An additional 5 quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief, making a total to 10 so far.
- Stewardship Sunday is planned for November 11. Pastor Mary Gade will be the guest speaker. Our Congregational Meeting will follow worship and a luncheon will be held after the meeting.
- A discussion took place about developing guidelines for accepting gifts to the church.

### OCTOBER SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of an Altar Guild volunteer, a Communion Bread sponsor for October 28<sup>th</sup> and Communion Set-up volunteers for October 21<sup>st</sup> (Healing Service) and 28<sup>th</sup>.

### OCTOBER GREETERS SIGN-UP SHEET

A Greeter is needed for October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are able to help.

### COMING SOON!

Be on the lookout for the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. This 24-page catalog offers many ways to honor friends and loved ones with gifts that will make a difference in the world. With 50 giving options – from 10 little chicks to help a family escape poverty to a scholarship to help a young leader attend an ELCA seminary – there's something for everyone on your list.

**PASTOR RUTH** will be attending a First Call Conference **Tuesday, October 2, through Wednesday, October 3, 2018**. Please check the message on the church answering machine for pastoral care coverage information.

### VISITORS FROM SAXONY, GERMANY

In 2016 three of us from New Jerusalem visited our companion synod in Saxony, Germany. Now an intergenerational group is coming to visit our area **October 4-15**. Watch for more details or ask Pastor Ruth about how to meet with these friends and celebrate the faith we share.

### LEARN ABOUT AND VISIT JEWISH WORSHIP – Friday, October 12

Have you ever wondered what Jewish brothers and sisters worship on their Sabbath (Shabbat)? Join members of New Jerusalem as we visit **Congregation Keneseth Israel, 2227 Chew Street, Allentown**, Friday evening, October 12, at 6:15 p.m. Members of the congregation have graciously arranged to meet with us prior to the service to help us understand what we will experience.



Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex if you are interested in attending. You can meet us at the synagogue at 6:15 p.m. or we can arrange for a carpool.

### VOCATION SUNDAY – October 14

This year's Vocation Sunday will not only celebrate the various callings we have received from God, but will include special prayers and thanksgivings for all who serve as **first responders** in our areas. Local area fire, police and EMS personnel have been invited to attend this special service. Please invite anyone you know.

### FESTIVAL OF FAITH – Thursday, October 18

New Jerusalem will be providing the meal for *Festival of Faith* at Bern Lutheran Church, 820 W. Leesport Road, Leesport, on **Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. This is a time for fellowship and worship for people who are differently abled. Anyone interested in contributing, helping serve and/or attending worship, please sign up in the narthex or speak to Pastor Ruth. The meal starts at 4:30 p.m. followed by singing and then a short worship service. Meal prep starts around 3:00 p.m.

**SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOLY COMMUNION – October 21, 2018**

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church will be holding a service of Healing and Holy Communion on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:30 p.m.** If you know of someone who might like to attend, but would need help with transportation, or if you are able to assist with transportation, please speak with Pastor Ruth.

**NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE**

New Jerusalem will be holding a shoo-fly pie bake sale from **Monday, October 29, through Wednesday, October 31.** Please contact the church office to order pies. Pies are \$5.00 each.



Dear members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, thank you for your continued support of the Brandywine Food Pantry. We appreciate you! – Sincerely, *St. Peter's UCC*

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To the Congregation at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, thank you for sharing your pastor, Ruth, with the residents at the Lutheran Home at Topton while I was away earlier this month. Her service as guest preacher in worship, Bible Study leader, and offering coverage for emergencies is truly a blessing to our residents and myself! Thank you for reaching out to us in ministry partnership. Yours in Christ, *Chaplain Colleen Kristula*

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To New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, we thank you for your ongoing support of \$25.00, which means so much to us. Reading Berks Conference of Churches (RBCC) has had a busy year working in all the areas of Berks County, and thanks to your generosity, we look forward to continuing what we have accomplished and started in 2018. Thank you so much for your generosity and partnership. – *Michael Kaucher, Executive Director, RBCC*

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Dear New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, thank you for your gift of \$20.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your generosity makes possible both short- and long-term care, sustaining communities throughout the recovery process and into new life.

Thank you for joining with the whole church, Lutheran Disaster Response, and our local partners. Your gifts are bearing the love of Christ to many in need. – With gratefulness, *The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal*

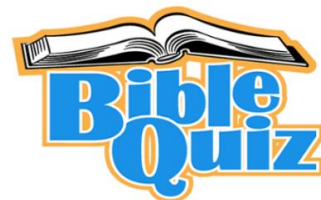
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Dear Pastor Ruth, Sue, and all involved in the ministry of New Jerusalem, Camp Noah was a resounding success both by the grace of God and through the powerful waves of generosity you all contributed as children of God! Between Sue's leadership with crafts and Pastor Ruth's coordinating leadership, you all likely know better than most that the nearly 40 campers and their relatives were deeply touched by all that complete strangers gave of themselves in order to bring hope and instill a sense of resiliency. What a beautiful and meaningful way to tangibly share God's love! Thank you also as part of EBMD for the \$1,000 donation to jumpstart the necessary fundraising so we could offer this camp free even while helping create it as the first bi-lingual offering of this amazingly, wonderful curriculum and experience! – Sincerely, *Pastor Rebecca Knox*

*Thank you for the whistle and backpack, the food, games, blanket, camp and the fun.* – Jacob

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To New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, thank you! The vegetables you sent to the residents at Luther Meadows, via Tara Basta, were greatly appreciated. We wish to thank each and every one who made the donations possible and know the Lord will bless you for your kindness. A BIG THANK YOU AGAIN! – *The Residents of Luther Meadows at Topton*



Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor – and it was done! Who were these women?

- A. Mary and Martha
- B. The daughters of Zelophehad
- C. Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia
- D. Joanna, Susanna, and Salome



# NEWS & EVENTS

## in the Community

### JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF

Healing from the loss of a loved one takes time. Lutheran Congregational Services offers encouragement, support and community to help. LCS' Journeys Through Grief support groups, led by Sylvia Havlish, allows those who are grieving the opportunity to explore their grief in a small group setting. Fall sessions begin **Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and run every Monday through November 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m.** at Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, 102 Apple Street, Leesport. There is no cost to attend. Register in advance by calling Sylvia at 610.395.5045.

### SAUSAGE SANDWICH AND IRON KETTLE SOUP SALE – Saturday, October 6

Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, is holding a sausage sandwich and beef vegetable and chicken corn noodle soup sale on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Pick up between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sandwiches are \$5.00/each and soup is \$6/quart or \$24/gallon. To pre-order call Renee at 484.646.9082 and leave message with name, phone number, and amounts. You can bring your own containers to fill.

### ST. FRANCIS SATURDAY – DOGS IN SERVICE PROJECT OPEN HOUSE & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This will be a time for you and your four-legged friend to walk the beautiful forested grounds and to learn more about Assistance Dogs. Bring your friends on **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30 p.m.** to Zion Spies Lutheran Church, 310 Spies Church Road, Reading. The pet blessing will take place at 5 p.m. Dogs in Service Project (DIS) is co-hosting this event and is requesting donations of pet treats, toys, or monetary donations to support DIS.



### COMMUNITY MATTERS! – Important Updates from the Hallways in our Schools to the Streets in our Town

Join us for a Community Awareness Night with perspectives on **opioid issues** from emergency responders, school district administration, and the Berks County District Attorney's office. Held on

**Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Brandywine Heights Intermediate/Middle School Library.

### THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

Our understanding of the Hebrew term “Midrash” is: Reading biblical stories in a way that makes inferences based upon similarity of content and analogy. A few different Biblical stories will be discussed, and how they have helped some people living with addiction connect once more to their faith, their family and a sense of hope and healing. Rev. Zoe Hill, Lead Spiritual Counselor at the Caron Treatment Center in Wernersville, will be presenting on the topic “Midrash and Recovery” on **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main Street, Kutztown. This is a free event. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

**BIBLE STUDY** will be held at Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers, on **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

### APPLE DUMPLINGS FUNDRAISER

Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers, will be selling apple dumplings on Thursday, October 18 (pick up from 12–5 p.m.), Friday, October 19 (pick up from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.), and Saturday, October 20 (pick up from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.). Cost is \$4/each. Place your order with Lisa Zerwick at 610.682.1973.



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

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 21,274.60
Thrivent	7,864.87
Checking	2,763.22
Youth	404.66
Fidelity	135,960.89
Cash Reserve	17,341.37
Mission Investment	11,325.19
Local Care	<u>1,278.75</u>
Total	<u>\$ 198,213.55</u>

Total Balance of Asset  
Accounts from **August 31, 2017** \$ 201,302.94

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

	Income Required	Actual	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,779.58	\$ 4,138.00	\$ (4,641.58)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2018 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
\$ 20,113.00	Funds Received to offset expenses

**PLUMB LINE**

In the writings of the prophets Isaiah and Amos, a plumb line is a symbol of God’s judgment of Israel: “I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line” (Isaiah 28:17, NIV); The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. ... Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer” (Amos 7:7-8, NIV). When Jesus is portrayed as Judge of the world, he is sometimes shown holding a plumb line.



**YOU’VE GOT MAIL: THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS**

October worship includes four readings from the Letter to the Hebrews. It’s not the easiest letter to read if you are not a first century Jew, but if you give it a try, you’ll find many beautiful passages and important messages.

Written around 70 CE, Hebrews was written to second generation Christians, including Jews who believed Jesus is the Messiah. They were under pressure to renounce Jesus and return to more traditional Judaism. Understandably, the letter contains a lot of references to the Old Testament.

The letter stresses that belief in Jesus is not only in continuity with the Old Testament, but brings even better news. It starts, “Going through a long line of prophets, God has been addressing our ancestors in different ways for centuries.” *1:1 The Message Bible.*

Wow! God speaks, using many different ways appropriate for the time and the audience.

What’s “even better”? “Recently he (God) spoke directly to us through his Son. . . . This Son perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God’s nature. He (Jesus) holds everything together by what he says. . . .” *1:2-3, The Message Bible.* Not only that, the One who created everything is also the One who experienced human suffering and death in order to open the way of salvation for us. *And*, since Jesus is fully human, he understands our weaknesses, so we don’t need to hide anything, but can confidently tell God what is going on and ask for mercy.

The letter uses illustrations from the lives of the patriarchs and the role of a high priest. One of my favorites refers back to Genesis 18:1-15, the story of Abraham and Sarah unknowingly welcoming God and angels disguised as humans, who had stopped by for a visit. Hebrews 13:1-2 says, “Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it.” *NRSV.*

If you get stuck trying to understand some of these illustrations in this letter, you are in good company. Ask for help.

God will continue to use a variety of ways, including ways that more closely fit our experiences, to help us learn, rejoice in and share the good news. Will you help me discover how to be a part of this? – *Pastor Ruth*

## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR WORK LIFE

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -- Colossians 3:17*

The priesthood of all believers has been characterized as Martin Luther's most underappreciated theological insight. Simply put, Luther observed that God calls all Christians—not just pastors—to lives of holiness. Every one of us, not just priests, accomplishes God's holy work, regardless of what we do for work, whether employed or working at home.

It's a simple idea, and one that certainly elevates our "job" to a new status, but it can be hard to live out. Here are some tips:

**Think *disciple*:** You may know to be a disciple in church, but prayerfully imagine how you can be a follower of Jesus at work, too!

**Think *excellence*:** There's satisfaction in doing your best. Knowing that your work is holy can provide not only incentive but also a satisfaction boost.

**Think *relationship*:** They're not just your coworkers, they're also the neighbors whom Christ commands us to serve and to love as ourselves.

**Think *service*:** Every workplace holds challenges for your employer, coworkers and customers. How can your experience and gifts help?

**Think *priest*:** You are called to be a holy person 24/7. How does this awareness invite you to change your behavior and attitude toward your work?

We spend so much of our lives in our jobs, we can't park our faith at the door. Instead, we bring the light of Christ to the workplace as holy people of God's reign!

—Rob Blezard

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# 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, Helen Fair, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Audrey Hoffman, and Irene Noll

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

**Members:** Glenn Allen, Sara Jane Beshore, Lori Eck, Don Gajewski, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, John Keck, Sheila Long, Forrest Merkel, Roy Merkel, Grace Miller, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Horace Rothermel, Joyce Rothermel, and Dale Schwoyer

**Friends of the congregation:** Regina B., Horst Berger, Millie Berger, Thelma Bright, Corina Brown, Bill Collins, Evelyn Collins, Patrick Collins, Mike Denby, Mark Derr, Randy Dreibelbis, Barbara Feeman, Eric Fox, Lorelai Gold, Steve Haage, Corinne Hersh, David Jenkins, Tara K., Mary Keck, Janis Kershner, Angie Kistler, Joe Klick, Ethan Kunkel, Anh La, Marie Leibensperger, Catherine Lenio, Michael M., Pat Magala, Jane Mathias, Michelle Meck, Nancy Meck, Family and friends of Catherine Nester, George Noll, Kyle Olinger, Tonya Petersheim, Monica R., Jackson Radcliffe, Monica Rainville, Mary Lynne Rathman, Arlene Reider, Ronald Reimert, Leilani Rodriguez, Jake Rohrbach, Jeffrey Schloder, Rayjeana Schultz, Jerry Schwambach, Ruth Tabekilis, Tiffany W., Jacki Wagner, Baby Leah Wiest, Rachel Woodhead, and Dennis Wright

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For our nation. For our president, congress and 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 migrants and 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, Joanne Pauley, Andrew S., Joshua S., Ruby Grace Shoff, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.



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



- 1 Craig and Lynne Lounsbury (24 years)
- 5 James and Barbara Fair (50 years)
- 6 Nathan and Rebecca Keller (11 years)
- 12 Jason and Elizabeth Keller (5 years)
- 13 Denny and Sara Jane Beshore (45 years)



*If your name or the name of someone you know didn't appear on this list, we apologize and hope you will let us know so we can make the necessary corrections. Thank you.*



## **THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **October**

* 7	10:00 AM	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
* 14	10:00 AM	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Vocation Sunday
* 21	10:00 AM	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (G)
	2:30 PM	Healing Service with Holy Communion
28	10:00 AM	Reformation Sunday – Holy Communion (R)

### **November**

* 4	10:00 AM	All Saints' Sunday – Holy Communion (W)
◆ 11	10:00 AM	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Congregational Meeting after worship ▪ Luncheon after Congregational Meeting
* 18	10:00 AM	Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
22	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service (G) held at New Jerusalem Lutheran
25	10:00 AM	Christ the King Sunday – Holy Communion (G)

### **December**

* 2	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion (B)
9	10:00 AM	Second Sunday of Advent (B)
* 16	10:00 AM	Third Sunday of Advent (B)
23	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
* 24	5:00 PM & 9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Services – Holy Communion (W)
30	10:00 AM	First Sunday after Christmas (W)

### **FELLOWSHIP DATES:**

- ( \* ) Fellowship after worship  
( ◆ ) Luncheon after meeting



## Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun "gratitude gift" for a friend.

### What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

### What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.



## From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

*Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>F</b>					
to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

## OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
10/7	TBA	Gladys Kline	Alan & Sherrie Carl	Dale Schwoyer
10/14	George DeLong	Cindy Rissmiller	Lucille Jones	Lucille Jones
10/21 10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Jeannette DeLong Tara Basta	Ken Keck	George & Jeannette DeLong	Lloyd & Linda Moyer
10/28	Josh Keck	Sara Jane Beshore	Dan & Joanne Pauley	Amy Broussard Hahn & Jarrett Hahn

**ALTAR GUILD:** *(volunteer needed)*

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Dan and Joanne Pauley

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Dan and Joanne Pauley

**COMMUNION BREAD:** 10/7 – Gladys Kline; 10/21 (2:30 PM) – Sara Jane Beshore; 10/28 – *(sponsor needed)*

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 10/7 – Sara Jane Beshore; 10/21 (2:30 PM) – *(volunteer needed)*; 10/28 – *(volunteer needed)*

**COUNCILPERSON:** Dawn Wengert

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

# OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00am-Worship & Music Committee Meeting 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	2 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal Pastor Ruth – First Call Retreat	3 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  Pastor Ruth – First Call Retreat	4	5 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	6 11:00am-Sausage Sandwich and Iron Kettle Soup Sale, Hope Lutheran Bowers 3:30-5:30pm-Blessing of the Animals, Zion Spies Church
7 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship	8 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting	9 6:30pm-Community Matters, Brandywine Heights MS Library 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm-Theology with a Twist, Kutztown Tav. 7:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	11 1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC	12 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 6:15pm-Visit to Congregation Keneseth Israel, Allentown	13
14 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Vocation Sunday ▪ Fellowship after worship	15 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	16 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal	17 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Airport Diner 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	18 Festival of Faith, Bern Lutheran Church (New Jerusalem serving meal)	19 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	20
21 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Fellowship after worship 2:30pm-Healing Service <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	22 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	23 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal	24 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	25 1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC	26 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg. Rehearsal Dinner	27 11:30am-Wedding Ceremony of Amy Broussard and Jarrett Hahn
28 Reformation Sunday ▪ Holy Communion	29 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  Shoo-fly Pie Bake----->	30 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal  Shoo-fly Pie Bake-->	31 12:45-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  Shoo-fly Pie Bake			



# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## The Gallery at St. Paul, Douglassville



The Gallery at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Douglassville consists of photographs of members of our congregation living, learning, serving and receiving the blessings of Christ's love.

We asked: How to add art to our bare walls? What type of art should it be? Biblical art? Nature art? Over time, a theme emerged - let's showcase the work of our congregation. Let's show visitors to our church who we are and what we do. And we dusted off the slogan, "God's Work. Our Hands."

We are fortunate in many ways.

There was no shortage in finding busy hands in our congregation. They are everywhere. From our Property Committee hanging a new wooden cross, to our quilters creating beautiful heirlooms, to the work of the Basket Social event, to the children in our Child Development Center. We also were blessed to have six members of the congregation who are immensely talented photographers, and they all donated their time and talent to capture extraordinary images.

We further asked the congregation to provide us with a picture of their hands on their wedding day, and three large collages were created. During the month of August, a temporary art gallery was on display in the Fellowship Hall. There were over 50 photographs, printed as 8 x 10's, for all to view. A sponsor form was created, allowing for members of the congregation to contribute to the expense of framing. We worked with a local framer to provide three prices in three sizes.

We will spend the month of September in anticipation of seeing the photographs in their new size, framed; and then in October we will unveil The Gallery at St. Paul's. We hope our members and visitors will enjoy viewing the pictures for years to come. And since we had such beautiful photographs, we also plan to make a 2019 church calendar and note cards, which can be sold at our Fall Apple Festival and Christmas Bazaar.

To learn more about The Gallery Project, contact Pr. Greg Frey at [gfrey@stpaulsdouglassville.com](mailto:gfrey@stpaulsdouglassville.com).





# Camp Noah in Reading for Refugee Children from Puerto Rico



After the devastation in Puerto Rico from hurricane Maria, over 400 refugee families ended up in the Berks County area. Thanks to a generous grant from ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Congregational Services was able to connect many of these families with agencies and churches who could provide help.

A group of Berks County churches, with generous financial support from the Reading Lutheran Parish, came together to host a Camp Noah during the week of August 13 at St. Luke, Reading. The churches also partnered with Centro Hispano, a nonprofit organization that serves the Latino community in Berks County.

The goal was to provide children from some of these families an opportunity to share their experiences with others who had lived through the same devastation, and then help the children to learn skills needed to move ahead with their lives. There were nearly 40 campers; over 40 in-person volunteers; and in-kind donations from over 50 congregations/ministries/benevolent organizations from Philadelphia to the Poconos.



Pr. Rebecca Knox reports: "A favorite moment was as I was driving a van-full of campers home the first day and a child was reading a unique bilingual birthday card created for each camper by St. John's Lutheran, Hamburg. The camper said, "These people do not even know me, why did they gave me a card?"



I replied, "Because they love you like

Jesus does." The camper replied, "Cool!" and showed the card to the camper sitting in the next seat... "Look what they made just for me!"

Julia Menzo of Liberty Lutheran recruited volunteers and charitable donors; and Luci Bower was the staff coordinator. Pr. Katie Lyon (Christ, Reading) was a key organizer and hopes to work with Liberty Lutheran and its congregations to offer a Camp Noah experience next summer for refugee families in the Philadelphia area.

