



# News Journal

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Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

December 2017

## The Pastor's Pen

“Why do we have to sing those old drab Advent Hymns during Advent?” Or, “Why can’t we sing more Christmas Carols during Advent?” I hear this every year during this time. And, I being the stubborn old Lutheran pastor, that I am, continue to pick those great Advent hymns during Advent. However, I am inclined to add maybe one or two Christmas carols during Advent. There are a couple of reasons why we sing Advent hymns during Advent. The first reason is that we are a liturgical church and proud of it! We follow the liturgical calendar which begins with the season of Advent, followed by the season of Christmas, which is then followed by Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. We hear the Word of God proclaimed in each of these seasons, which carry different and fundamental purposes. The purpose of Advent is to prepare us for the twelve days of Christmas. Christmas is such a wonderful event in which the Word became flesh in the birth of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must properly prepare ourselves. We must hear about the Second Coming of Jesus and about that voice (John the Baptist) crying in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” We prepare for Christmas outwardly with decorations, parties, and shopping, etc. but the real preparation needs to take place in our heart. The second reason we need to sing Advent hymns is that we need at least one hour a week to celebrate this great season. The world around us bombards us with Christmas. Let us maintain the integrity of Advent at least during our worship time.

HAPPY ADVENT!

Together in ministry,  
Pastor Cauble

## Special Services

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### Hanging of the Greens

December 3 - 7:00 pm

### Children's Christmas Play

December 17 - 5:00 pm

### Christmas Eve

December 24 - 8:00 pm

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### Bible Study in December



Tuesday morning – Dec. 12 and 19 at 10:00 am  
Bollinger/Yount Room – **First Samuel**  
(There will be no study on December 5 or 26)

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Thursday evening – Dec. 7, 14, and 21 at 6:30 pm  
Bollinger/Yount Room – **Hebrews**  
(There will be no study on December 28)

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# Time and Talent

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## 2018 TIME AND TALENT SHEET NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In prayerful consideration of the ministry of Christ's Church and New Jerusalem Lutheran Congregations and of the gifts (time, talents, and treasures) I have been given by God in Baptism, I would like to serve and respond to God in the following areas during the coming year.

### Committees

#### I will serve on these committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship & Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Stewardship       | <input type="checkbox"/> Witness                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Property/Cemetery  | <input type="checkbox"/> Service                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning, Youth, & Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning         |
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### WORSHIP

- Serve as Pastor's assistant
- Help with communion  
Month \_\_\_\_\_
- Read Lessons  
Month \_\_\_\_\_
- Assist w/ intinction method of communion
- Serve as Usher
- Serve as Greeter
- Serve on Altar Committee
- Serve as Nursery Worker
- Serve as Acolyte, Crucifer, Banner Bearer,  
Torch Bearer, etc.
- Direct or help with the Christmas Play
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### WITNESS

- Will visit active, inactive, and potential new members
- Will visit shut-ins
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### LEARNING

- Attend weekly morning Bible Study (Tuesday)
- Attend weekly evening Bible Study (Thursday)
- Teach Sunday School      Age? \_\_\_\_\_
- Teach Vacation Bible School      Age? \_\_\_\_\_
- Help with Vacation Bible School
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH**

- \_\_\_ Will be a youth group advisor. Which group?\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ CROP (Children Receiving Our Prayers)
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE**

- \_\_\_ Help with warming station (bring food, greeter, bus driver, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Help with the tape ministry
- \_\_\_ Help drive members to doctor visits, store, etc.
- \_\_\_ Help any of the Women’s Circle Group(s) with funeral meals
- \_\_\_ Help prepare meals for Public Service members or others
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY**

- \_\_\_ Help mow grass (church, parsonage, and cemetery)
- \_\_\_ Help mow the ball field
- \_\_\_ Help rake leaves as needed
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCE**

- \_\_\_ Help count money on Sunday
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

**FELLOWSHIP**

- \_\_\_ Will help with social events at the church
- \_\_\_ Will help with setup and/or cleanup for events
- \_\_\_ Help with serving fellowship meal(s)
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- \_\_\_ Help change church sign message board
- \_\_\_ Help with the church website
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

**PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION**

- \_\_\_ Choir Chancel\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Handbell Choir Adult\_\_\_
- Youth\_\_\_ (grade 3 and up)
- \_\_\_ Helping with Blood Drive
- \_\_\_ Volunteering beyond NJLC (ECCCM, Hospice, Habitat, PCC)
- \_\_\_ NALC Committee/Board, Carolinas Mission District Committees
- \_\_\_ Youth Group (age\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_ Lutheran Men
- \_\_\_ Lutheran Women
- \_\_\_ Senior Friends
- \_\_\_ Chrismon Ministry
- \_\_\_ Quilting Ministry
- \_\_\_ Church Softball
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other ideas for serving \_\_\_\_\_

# *Hanging of the Greens*

*A Church-wide Festival*



*Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM*

*Mark your calendars now for this  
very special event.*



*The Congregational Covered Dish Meal  
will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM.*

Members, Family and Friends are asked to bring your favorite dishes for this covered dish meal and enjoy a time of fellowship and good food prior to the Hanging of the Greens Program.

(Meal hosted by Lutheran Men in Mission and New Jerusalem Lutheran Women)

If you are interested in having an active part in the Chrismon program,  
contact Sandra Bollinger ASAP.

## Angel Breakfast

*Sunday, December 3, 2017*

9:00am



Everyone is invited to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Angel breakfast. Breakfast will be served at 9:00am. A Group Sunday School will follow for Nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please let Donna Barger know how many people from your family will attend.

## Senior Friends' Tanglewood Trip



The Senior Friend's upcoming trip to see the Christmas lights at Tanglewood is Tuesday, December 5. All Senior Friends need to meet at the church no later than 3:50 pm so we can leave by 4:00 pm. We will stop for dinner afterwards.

## Senior Friends' Christmas Dinner



The Senior Friends Christmas dinner will be held Wednesday, December 20. Please reserve your spot by giving \$10/person to Etta Mae Bollinger by Monday, December 11.

## 2017 Christmas Play



## “O Holy Night”

Sunday, December 17

5:00 pm

Soup and sandwiches to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Come and experience the real meaning of Christmas.

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Special offering will be received for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

(PLEASE READ THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MARLO THOMAS)

## Christmas Message from Marlo Thomas

*You have given so generously of yourself this year to bless the lives of the precious girls and boys of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. When I walk through the halls of this hospital – a hospital you helped build – I know my father would be so proud to know that such loving friends stand behind these darling children in their fight to live. Thank you for reaching deep in your heart to help our children. God bless your good heart this holiday season, and may you and your family prosper in the New Year.*

*Merry Christmas,  
Marlo Thomas*

## Christmas Cards



The Youth Group will once again sort Christmas cards for the congregation. Please bring your cards, in alphabetical order, and place them in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Room. The deadline for bringing your cards is Saturday, December 23 at 1:00 pm. The cards will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 24.

## 2018 Yearbook Reports

The deadline for turning in reports for the 2018 yearbook is January 15, 2018. Please leave a copy at the church office or email them to Kristy at [secretary@njlchickory.com](mailto:secretary@njlchickory.com). Thank you!

## Property Committee Silent Auction

The Property Committee is hosting a silent auction for the following two items:

1. Peco Leaf Vacuum
  - 6½ HP Briggs & Stratton Engine
  - New Hoses
  - Good Tires
  - Works
2. MTD Air Sweeper
  - 5 HP Engine
  - Good Working Condition

Single bids for both items will be accepted. Please leave sealed bid at the church office. The highest bidder will be notified by phone February 15, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact John Lutz.

## Thank You

*Friends at New Jerusalem:*

*I have greatly appreciated all the cards, notes, and especially the prayers you have shared for and with me as my back issues are treated. I am still not 100% and my problem may be more osteoarthritis that got out of control while I have been so inactive for the past 15 months. You have been with me the whole time and that is really treasured. Thank you for your concerns that were and are expressed in so many ways. Thank you and God bless you in the New Church Year.*

*Ron Orovitz*

## Catawba Valley Community Chorus Fall Concert 2017 Schedule of Events

### **Trinity Village**

1265 21<sup>st</sup> Street NE • Hickory, NC  
Monday, November 27 – 7:00 pm

### **Church of the Epiphany**

750 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street • Newton, NC 28658  
Friday, December 8 – 7:00 pm

### **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

3216 W. Main St. • Claremont, NC 28610  
Sunday, December 10 – 4:00 pm

### **Abernathy Laurels**

102 Leonard Ave. • Newton, NC 28658  
Monday, December 11 – 7:00 pm

*Admission is free. Donations welcomed.*

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

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**NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

*(Motions are in BOLD and Actions are italicized)*

The November Council Meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall on November 13, 2017, at 6:30 pm and was called to order by Vice-President Robert Hoyle. Garret Turbyfill, Danny Black, and Thad Scronce were absent (excused.) Devotions were given by Pastor Cauble. (Robert Hoyle has devotions in December.)

Thad Scronce was the Council Designee for October.

The minutes for the October Council Meeting held on October 16, 2017, were approved with one correction: Salem Shannon's name was listed incorrectly. The correction was made.

**Treasurers' reports** were received as information and show month end balances:

Current:	\$ 109,039.82	Cemetery CD:	\$ 5,417.59	Phillips CD:	\$ 32,000.00
Available:	\$ 7,048.45	Checking:	\$ 7,955.97	Checking:	\$ 2,915.23
Benevolence:	\$ 8,096.93	Youth:	\$ 1,886.78	Mauser Fund:	\$ 75,166.26
Building:	\$ 64,921.54	Hand bells:	\$ 3,175.47	Lutheran Women	\$ 260.69

**Pastor's Report (October 2017):** Pastoral Contacts: 43. These included Home Visits: 10; Hospital Visits: 4; Nursing Home Visits: 2; Pastor's Study: 10; and Other: 17. Services of Worship: 7; Meetings: 17; Classes Taught: 10.

One week of vacation: October 16-23, 2017

Continuing education: 1. Carolina's Mission District Convocation at Seabrook Island: October 9-11, 2017  
2. Michael McDaniel Lectures: October 26, 2017

One Funeral: Martha George: October 20, 2017

October saw the passing of long time member Martha George. Her funeral was held at New Jerusalem on Friday, October 20, 2017. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to her family.

October has been a busy month. Our new secretary, Kristy Painter, began work on Tuesday, October 31. She is doing a great job! The Reformation Service on Sunday, October 29, went very well. We had around 150 people attend from several different congregations. I extend my appreciation to everyone who participated in the service and helped in any way. Thank you for all that you continue to do!

Together in ministry,  
Randall A. Cauble, Pastor

### **CONGREGATIONAL SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS:**

We discussed the need to update our security protocol at the church. Kay Weaver distributed an article concerning safety from *Christianity Today*. Council will ask Thad Scronce for an update on our procedures.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Pastor Cauble brought forth a motion to allow Todd Wright and two other pianists to perform a concert at New Jerusalem in January, 2018. Kay Weaver seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None brought forward

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Loose offerings were designated as follows: November 26: Thanksgiving Box Meals; December 03: Kairos; December 10: Kairos; December 17: 10:30 Morning Service and Children's Christmas Program: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; December 24: Current Fund; December 31: Salvation Army

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** (Standing and Special\*):

#### **Church Property & Cemetery:** (John Lutz/Gerald Ferguson)

Researching the purchase of book lights for the choir to use.

**\*Fellowship:** (Kay Weaver): Dec. 3: Angel Breakfast; Dec. 17: Soup & Sandwich after the Children's Christmas Play.

**Finance:** (Garret Turbyfill/Etta Mae Bollinger): No meeting.

**Learning, Youth, & Family:** (Robert Hoyle/Adrian Lutz): No meeting this month. Vicki Cauble will lead the Children's Christmas Play to be held on Dec. 17.

**\*Long Range Planning:** (Boyd Adams): No meeting this month.

**Service:** (Donald Barger, Jr., Thad Scronce): Planning to prepare 39 Thanksgiving Box Meals for approximately 200 persons. **Donald Barger, Jr. moved to use funds from the Warming Station fund to make up any difference needed to pay for the box meals. Kay Weaver seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Witness:** (Danny Black/Pastor Cauble): No meeting this month.

**Worship:** (Cindy Coulter/Pastor Cauble): Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 19 at 7:00 pm. Hanging of the Greens on Dec. 3 with a meal sponsored by the Lutheran Men's and Lutheran Women's groups. Dec. 17: Children's Christmas Play; Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service.

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 11, at 6:30 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Garret Turbyfill, President  
Cindy Coulter, Secretary

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# Congregational Meeting Minutes

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**NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

The New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting was held on November 12, 2017, during the 10:30 Worship Service. Council President Garret Turbyfill opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to nominate Council Members for the 2018-20 term. President Turbyfill told the congregation that all active members (those who are confirmed and have both contributed and communed during the last year) could nominate up to four people for the ballot. He reminded the congregation they should not list the names of current Council members or the four members who are sitting out their second year. These names were all listed in the bulletin for reference.

The ushers distributed the ballots and the outgoing Council members were asked to be tellers. The top eight names (or more if there is a tie) will be listed on the ballot for election on November 19, 2017.

The meeting was recessed until November 19, 2017.

Garret Turbyfill, President

Cindy Coulter, Secretary

# Congregational Meeting Minutes

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NOVEMBER 19, 2017

The New Jerusalem Church Congregational Meeting was reconvened on November 19, 2017, during the 10:30 Worship Service. Council President Garret Turbyfill reopened the meeting.

The first order of business was the election of four Council Members for the 2018-2020 term. The retiring members were thanked for their service and asked to serve as tellers. Ballots were distributed and active members were advised to vote for no more than four persons.

The second order of business was voting on the proposed 2018 budget. **The Council brought forth the 2018 budget to the floor as a motion. Sandra Bollinger seconded the motion.** President Turbyfill called on Wayne Cashion, Chair of the Finance Committee, to explain each section in the proposed budget and ask for questions after each section. **Rusty Lutz moved to amend the Benevolence portion of the budget as follows:**

		Proposed 2018 Budget	Proposed Revision
41	NALC missionary local and foreign	9000	9880
45	Hospice	500	460
46	ECCCM	2350	2162
47	Corner Table	2350	2162
48	Council on Aging	1000	920
49	Salvation Army	1600	1472
50	Pregnancy Care Center	1600	1472
51	Family Care Center	1600	1472
Totals		20000	20000

**Dennis Weaver seconded the motion to amend the Benevolence portion of the budget.** A question was asked if designated loose offerings are counted as part of the budgeted portion or if they are added on top of that total that is budgeted. Designated loose offerings are counted as part of the budgeted portion. The decision was made about five (5) years ago. **A vote was taken on the revision to the budget. The revision passed with no dissenting votes.** President Turbyfill then asked for a vote on the 2018 budget. **The 2018 budget passed with no dissenting votes.**

The meeting was suspended until the end of the worship service to hear the results of the voting for Council members.

When the Annual Congregation Meeting resumed, President Turbyfill announced our 2018-2020 Council members: Aaron Beam, Deron Bumgarner, Jimmy Purgeson, and Rodney Throckmorton.

The meeting was adjourned.

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## December Birthdays

1 – Rodney Throckmorton  
 5 – Vicki Cauble  
 6 – Daniel White  
 7 – Cathy Sigmon, Sally Throckmorton  
 8 – Faye Myers, Chip Canupp  
 9 – Marie Hefner  
 14 – Michael Cline  
 15 – Eddie Kanupp, Magdalynn Weaver  
 16 – Callie & Holli George  
 17 – Peyton Clark  
 18 – Jean Lael  
 19 – Emma Lail  
 20 – Brenda Dyer, Scott Holland  
 21 – Max Boliek, Chase Lowman, Aaron Beam  
 23 – Dennis Benfield  
 25 – BreeAnna Bollinger  
 26 – Kevin Abernathy  
 27 – Joyce Cockman  
 28 – Brian Riggs, Brandy Cook  
 29 – Gracen Hoyle, Rhonda Kiser  
 30 – Brian Lutz, Jim Bollinger  
 31 – Shirley Robinson, Corey Mauser

## Thank You for Serving in December...

### New Jerusalem Lutheran Women

Group 1	No meeting
Group 2	Out to Eat
Group 3	Shirley Robinson – Hostess Doris Lutz – Leader
Group 4	No Meeting
*Quarterly meeting Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hosted by Group 4

**Council Designate** Robert Hoyle

**Lutheran Men** (Dec. 3) *Covered Dish Dinner*

**Teller Committee** \*ROBERT HOYLE  
Ken Temple  
Garret Turbyfill

**Altar Committee** Carolyn Robinson, Chm.  
Carolyn Riggs  
Connie Bumgarner  
Jennifer Morgan

**Pastor's Assistants** Dennis Benfield  
Leslie Benfield

**Acolyte** Perry Kiser

**Greeters** Carolyn Riggs

### Flowers in the Church

Dec. 3	Senior Friends
Dec. 10	Throckmorton Family
Dec. 17	Donna Bunton
Dec. 24	Kay Weaver
Dec. 31	Betty Scipione

### Ushers

James Morgan, Chm.  
Izaiah Morgan  
David Hefner  
Donald Barger, Jr.

### Tape Ministry

Dec. 3	Dennis Weaver
Dec. 10	Connie B. & Diane B.
Dec. 17	Connie B. & Diane B.
Dec. 24	Abbey Lutz
Dec. 31	Abbey Lutz

### Nursery

Dec. 3	Jennifer Reid Sandra Bollinger
Dec. 10	Betty Purgeson Carolyn Riggs
Dec. 17	Glenda Shook Amy Gates
Dec. 24	Julie Temple Katelyn Turbyfill
Dec. 31	Janet Spinks Debbie McGee

## Looking Ahead

Deadline for 2017 Yearbook Reports	Jan. 15, 2018
Super Bowl Party	Feb. 4, 2018
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 14, 2018
Property Comm. Silent Auction Ends	Feb. 15, 2018



# December 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 3 – Blue    24 am - Blue 10 – Blue    pm - White 17 – Blue    31 – White					1	2
<b>3</b> 9:00 am – Angel Breakfast 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion 4:00 pm – Play Practice 5:30 pm – Youth Hand bell Choir 5:30 pm – Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 – Hanging of the Greens Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> *No Bible Study*  4:00 pm – Senior Friends’ Tanglewood Trip	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm – Worship Committee Meeting  6:30 pm – Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 4:00 pm – Christmas Play Practice 5:30 pm – Youth Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 am – Bible Study	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm – Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Service of Holy Communion 5:00 pm – Children’s Christmas Play followed by Soup & Sandwich	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 am – Bible Study  5:00 pm – Christmas Caroling	<b>20</b> 11:30 – Senior Friends’ Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm – Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00 pm - Deadline for bringing Christmas cards to be sorted
<b>24</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 8:00 pm – Service of Holy Communion & Candlelight	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> *No Bible Study*	<b>27</b> * No Choirs Rehearse *	<b>28</b> *No Bible Study*	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship						