



# News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

March 2018

## The Pastor's Pen

Dr. Billy Graham went to his final rest on Wednesday morning, February 21, 2018. I am old enough to remember him and his crusades of the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. Our youth group went to see him in Charlotte in 1996. Growing up, we had only three or four channels on TV. And, when Dr. Graham came on, we stopped everything and watched his crusade. Dr. Graham had a great deal of influence on me growing up. Of course he had a great deal of influence on many people throughout the world in his 70+ year ministry. I told my wife Vicki that losing Dr. Graham was like losing a member of the family. We do give thanks to God for the gift of Billy Graham and the powerful message of the cross of Jesus Christ that he proclaimed so simply but so eloquently. It is the cross and its power that we proclaim and have comfort in. During Holy Week, March 25-30 we have the opportunity to worship and give thanks to God for his wonderful love shown to us by his son Jesus Christ. On Maundy Thursday, March 29, we will participate in the gift of Holy Communion, celebrated upper room style in the adult assembly room and experience the stripping of the altar. On Good Friday, March 30, we will hear the reading of the Passion According to S. John and worship together as the lights grow dim until there is complete darkness (The Tenebrae Service). I hope that you will come and experience these services as we prepare for the glory of Easter morning, Sunday April 1. **Also, be a witness for Christ and invite others to come and worship with us. The world needs to hear the good news that God loves them!**

Together in ministry,  
Pastor Cauble

## HOLY WEEK



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### ***Palm Sunday, March 25***

*10:30 am – Service of Worship*

*7:00 pm – Service of Healing*

#### ***Maundy Thursday, March 29***

*7:00 pm – Service of Holy Communion*

#### ***Good Friday, March 30***

*7:00 pm – Service of Tenebrae*

## Easter SUNDAY

#### ***April 1***

#### ***Sunrise Service***

*(begins outdoors at the cemetery)*

*6:30 am*

#### ***Easter Breakfast***

*Fellowship Hall*

*7:30 am*

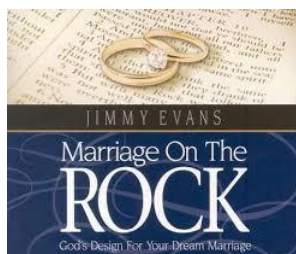
#### ***Sunday School***

*9:30 am*

#### ***Festive Service of Holy Communion***

*10:30 am*

## YAM Sunday School Class



The YAM Sunday School Class will be starting a series entitled, “Marriage On The Rock”, by Jimmy Evans on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The first lesson will be, “The most important issue in marriage.” This class is open to anyone interested in what the Bible has to say on marriage. Come join us!

## Bible Study in March



Tuesday – 10:00 am  
March 6, 13

*(We will not have Bible Study  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>)*

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Thursday evenings – 6:30 pm  
March 1, 8, 15, 22

*(We will not meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> because  
of the Maundy Thursday Services)*

## Letters of Thanks

*New Jerusalem Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you for the beautiful Peace Lily.  
Your kindness and thoughtfulness meant so much  
to our family.*

*Tim Cline & Family*



Thank you for everyone’s support on our collection of school supplies for a needy school. We delivered the following items to St. Stephen’s Elementary School: 43 Boxes of Kleenexes, 27 Reams of Paper, 16 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer (Total of 250 fl. oz.: Sizes 8 – 67.6 fl. oz.), and 1 bag of miscellaneous items. This was a nice increase from our 2017 collection, especially with hand sanitizer. The school seemed very appreciative of the items.

**Sincerely,  
NJ Lutheran Women**

## Tax Free Donations

Through the Finance Committee, we have been able to set up with Scottrade/ TD Ameritrade a brokerage account for the purpose of being able to donate qualified money tax free to NJLC from this account. Please Wayne Cashion if you have any questions.

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

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**February 12, 2018**

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

The February Church Council meeting was held in the gathering room on February 12, 2018, at 6:30 pm, and was called to order by President Garret Turbyfill. Rodney Throckmorton was absent (excused.)

Devotions were given by Adrian Lutz. Rodney Throckmorton has devotions in March.

Donald Barger was the Council Designate for January 2018 and talked about the challenges of keeping the temperature comfortable for each service.

The minutes for the January Council Meeting held on January 8, 2018, were approved as written.

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

Current:	\$ 106,136.37	Cemetery CD:	\$ 5,417.59	Phillips CD:	\$ 32,000.00
Available:	\$ 3,986.74	Checking:	\$ 11,087.19	Checking:	\$ 2,727.55
Benevolence:	\$ 2,157.73	Youth:	\$ 1,286.78	Mauser Fund:	\$ 76,444.74
Building:	\$ 61,092.54	Hand bells:	\$ 3,425.47	Lutheran Women:	\$ 62.69

**Pastor's Report (January 2018):** Pastoral Contacts: 46. These included Home Visits: 16; Hospital Visits: 1; Nursing Home Visits: 2; Pastor's Study: 11; and Other: 16. Services of Worship: 3; Meetings: 14; Classes Taught: 7; Vacation days taken: January 11-15, 2018 (applied to 2017)

I believe that all of our committees have met, including the Learning, Youth and Family Committee which met yesterday. All committee meetings were very productive with great plans for 2018. I appreciate all of your hard work.

I am getting ready for Ash Wednesday, this week, and the beginning of the Lenten Season. I hope that everyone will make a concerted effort to be present for all of our services. The Lenten services will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm preceded by a meal at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Easter is fairly early this year, April 1.

The YAM (Young Adult Ministry) class continues to go well. We usually average about 10 to 12 in the class on Sunday mornings. Thank you for all that you continue to do!

Together in ministry,  
Randall A. Cauble, Pastor

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

A suggestion was brought by Garret Turbyfill that the annual report and yearbook be handed out before being voted for approval at the February congregational meeting. Several members expressed similar sentiments.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

The American Heritage Girls requested that they be allowed to use a fundraising platform called "Snap Raise."

**Motion was made by Pastor Cauble and Seconded by Etta Mae Bollinger to allow the fundraiser.**

**Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

Letters of appreciation were received from:

- Lutheran Bible Translators for the congregation's active financial participation of \$3067.00.
- Novus Way for the financial donation of \$370.00.
- ECCCM for financial support of \$2325.00.
- NALC (National Church) for financial support of \$12,325.00.
- Corner Table for a donation of \$869.50.
- Pregnancy Care Center for \$592.00.
- National Kidney Foundation for a gift of \$86.00.
- NALC Carolinas Mission District for a Benevolence donation of \$100.00.
- Family Care Center of Catawba Valley for \$592.00.
- Reformation Lutheran Church, New Bern, NC for a contribution of \$1,000.00.
- Kairos Prison Ministry International for a gift of \$130.00.
- NALS (North American Lutheran Seminary) for a financial gift of \$370.00.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

John Lutz said the sign movers are ready to work as soon as the weather breaks and the conditions are safe to make the move.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Loose Offerings were designated as follows: February 25 10:30 am - Current Fund; February 25 Lenten Service – St. Jude Hospital; March 04 10:30 am & Lenten Service – Salvation Army; March 11 10:30 am & Lenten Service – Salvation Army; March 18 10:30 am & Lenten Service – Red Cross; March 25 10:30 am & Lenten Service – Red Cross.

**A motion was made by Etta Mae Bollinger and seconded by Deron Bumgarner to approve the current Continuing Resolutions for 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

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

**Church Property & Cemetery:** (John Lutz/Aaron Beam): John and Aaron presented a floor plan sketch to council showing an office addition. Discussion was had that council would need to take action to move forward in commissioning more formal plans from an architect. At this time the office addition is still in the early planning stages and the Property and Long Range Planning Committees will continue studying the idea. The committee is also still working on a solution to the low lighting level in the choir loft.

**\*Fellowship:** (Donald Barger): The committee met on January 23 to plan the following events:

- January 28 reception for new members.
- February 13 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in the Fellowship Hall.
- June 3 meal for new graduates.

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**Finance:** (Garret Turbyfill/Etta Mae Bollinger/Deron): Garret advised that the committee met in January and discussed the need for updated "Giving Guidelines" which will be developed this year. They also will schedule time to meet with Kristy regarding Sheppard Staff software. The committee will meet as needed in 2018.

**Learning, Youth, & Family:** (Robert Hoyle/Adrian Lutz): The committee met on February 11 to plan for 2018. The goals for the year include:

- Confirmation class to begin in September for at least six students.
- Bibles to be issued to these confirmands.
- A 2019 service/mission trip in lieu of the traditional "Campfirmation."
- VBS to be held in July with a theme yet to be determined.
- A possible new Sunday school class for middle age adults.
- To support a new Hickory area NALC youth group. New Jerusalem is to host a meeting in April.
- Work to strengthen attendance in the younger children's Sunday school classes.

**\*Long Range Planning:** (Jimmy Purgeson): Met on January 24 to plan for 2018 with the following goals:

- Work with Kristy to get information more easily spread to the congregation. Possibly develop an app for the church.
- Work with the Property Committee on a possible office expansion.
- Move forward with the purchase of new pew cushions from Wagoneers Inc.

**John Lutz made a motion with second from Adrian Lutz to purchase new cushions for \$7850.00 with the source of funding to be determined later. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

- Jimmy expressed thanks to all who helped with the cushion project.

**Service:** (Thad Scronce): The committee met on January 24 and set the following goals:

- To provide weekend bag lunches for Corner Table.
- To encourage the congregation to bring canned goods to the altar on the first Sunday of each month for ECCCM.
- Possibly volunteer time at St. Luke's Methodist, Hickory for the warming station.
- Send cards to Shut-ins.
- Purchase DVD players for shut-ins that need one.
- Help with blood drives quarterly.
- Help with the county "Back Pack Program" for children's summer feeding.
- Develop a Thanksgiving Meal where congregation members can sponsor a family for \$30.

**Witness:** (Danny Black/Pastor Cauble): No report

**Worship:** (Rodney Throckmorton/Pastor Cauble): No report

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, March 12, at 6:30 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Garret Turbyfill, President

Robert Hoyle, Secretary

## March Birthdays

1 – Donald Barger, Jr.  
 3 – Sharon Rhyne, Boyd Adams  
 4 – Kathe Canupp  
 5 – Angela Grantham  
 6 – Emily Bumgarner, Gerald Ferguson  
 7 – Jeremiah Bumgarner  
 9 – Jeff Holland  
 12 – Steve Shuford  
 13 – Doug Owens  
 15 – Bayleigh Spurrier  
 17 – Sara Elizabeth Howard  
 19 – Izaiah Morgan  
 23 – Gary Bumgarner  
 24 – Loretta McNeely  
 25 – Bradley Lael  
 29 – Kathy Burris  
 30 – Steve Seitz, Zoe Lutz  
 31 – Adam Lamberth, Rebecca McNeely

## Thank You for Serving in March

### New Jerusalem Lutheran Women

Group 1 Mar. 6 – 7:00 pm  
 Hostess – Janet Spinks  
 Leader – Kay Weaver

Group 2 Mar. 5 – 7:00 pm  
 Hostess/Leader – Donna Bunton

Group 3 Mar. 5 – 2:00 pm  
 Hostess – Carolyn Robinson  
 Leader – Teresa Vanderlinden

Group 4 Mar. 5 – 7:00 pm  
 NJLC Gathering Room  
 Hostess – Cindy Lutz

Women's Quarterly Meeting March 19  
 7:00 – Executive/7:30 Regular  
 Fellowship Hall – Hosted by Group 1

**Council Designate** Rodney Throckmorton

**Lutheran Men** Mar. 4 – 5:00 pm  
 Eddie Kanupp, Pastor Harvey Blume

Mar. 17 – 9:00 - 12:00  
 Church Grounds Workday  
 Rain-out Date: March 24

**Teller Committee** \*RODNEY THROCKMORTON  
 Cindy Coulter  
 Ken Temple

**Altar Committee** Julie Temple, Chm.  
 Carolyn Robinson  
 Jennifer Morgan  
 Dana Hoyle

**Pastor's Assistant** Emma Davis

**Pastor's Assistants w/Intinction** Nick Helms  
 Garret Turbyfill

**Acolyte** Sadie Hoyle

**Greeters** Patty Greenhill  
 Vicki Cauble

### Flowers in the Church

Mar. 4 Rebecca McNeely  
 Mar. 11 WR & Connie Bumgarner  
 Mar. 18 Gerald & Evelyn Ferguson  
 Mar. 25 Open

**Ushers** Rodney Throckmorton, Chm.  
 Dennis Weaver  
 Garret Turbyfill  
 Alan Cook

### Tape Ministry

Mar. 4 Kirsten Lutz  
 Mar. 11 Kirsten Lutz  
 Mar. 18 Robert Hoyle  
 Mar. 25 Robert Hoyle

### Nursery

Mar. 4 Betty Purgeson  
 Vicki Cauble

Mar. 11 Jenny Brown  
 Lauren Bullard

Mar. 18 Jenny Morgan  
 Julie Temple

Mar. 25 Sandra Bollinger  
 Della Lamberth

### Yard Maintenance & Mowing

Mar. 17 Saturday, Church Work Day

Mar. 18 Ryan Lutz  
 Dale Lutz

Mar. 25 Wayne Cashion  
 Boyd Adams

## Looking Ahead

**Mission District Youth Event** April 22 at NJLC

**Mission District Youth Event** May 20

**VBS** July 15 - 19



# March 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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<b>4</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion 5:00 pm – Lutheran Men 5:30 pm – Youth Hand bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm – Lenten Meal 7:00 pm – Lenten Service	<b>5</b> 2:00 pm – Women’s Group #3 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #2 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #4	<b>6</b> 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilting Group 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #1	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm – Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>25 – Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 5:30 pm – Youth Hand bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm – Lenten Meal 7:00 pm – Lenten Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00 pm - Quilters	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service	<b>30</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 7:00 pm – Tenebrae Service	<b>31</b>