



News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

April 2018

The Pastor's Pen

Dr. Billy Graham was not the first to say it nor should he be the last. In my Easter Sermon I told about the famous statement that Billy Graham used in his later years. It went like this, "Some morning you will read in the papers that Billy Graham is dead. Don't believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now." After doing some research, I discovered that Dr. Graham was not the first one to say this. Back in the 1800's there was a famous preacher and evangelist by the name of Dwight Lyman Moody, better known as D.L. Moody. D.L. Moody was the first to say: "Some morning you will read in the papers that D.L. Moody is dead. Don't you believe it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now." The statement actually goes on further: "I was born in the flesh in 1837. I was born in the spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die: that which is born of the spirit shall live forever." No, Dr. Graham did not say this statement first but he did say it and so should we about ourselves. This is the Easter truth for Easter people like you and me. We all who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ can insert our name in this famous statement. For we are Easter People living in a Good Friday world. And hopefully that has meaning for our lives and the lives of others. Happy Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Together in ministry,
Pastor Cauble

Early Services to Begin in May



Sunday, May 13 – 8:30 am
Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, May 27 – 8:30 am
Outdoor Chapel



Bible Study in April



Tuesday – 10:00 am
April 10 and 24

Thursday evenings – 6:30 pm
April 12, 19, and 26

Luther League



We have exciting news for our youth! Representatives from eight local churches in the Carolinas Mission District have been meeting to discuss forming a Luther League group. The group will meet once each month (usually the fourth Sunday, but dates may vary) and will include all youth in grades 6-12. They are encouraged to invite friends as well.

There are already some amazing events planned such as worship and a bonfire at the Miller's Lutheran Church lake house in July, an outdoor Christian concert in August, preparing food for Corner Table in November, and a 12th Night Ball on the 12th Day of Christmas.

We begin this new adventure with a Kickoff Party here at New Jerusalem! The party will be held Sunday, April 22, from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Heidi Punt will lead the program. Youth leaders from other churches have planned Ice-Breaker Games & Activities. Pastor Cauble, Robert Hoyle, and Pastor Rhodes from St. James will lead the group in Scripture Reading and Worship. The party will end with fellowship time and a meal.

We are so excited for this opportunity to help our youth grow spiritually as well as giving them the chance to meet members of other NALC youth groups in our community. Please encourage your child to attend!

Letters of Thanks

Dear Mrs. Bollinger and Lutheran Women,

On behalf of St. Stephens Elementary School's students & staff, we thank you for your generous donations of

Kleenex,
Copy Paper,
Hand Sanitizer
and Other Items.

Please know the items were put to good use almost immediately.

Thank you again,
Karen Lineberger



The Worship Committee would like to thank each of the groups who provided the 2018 Lenten and Palm Sunday meals. The groups included Groups 1 and 4 of the Lutheran Women, three adult Sunday School classes (Bollinger/Yount, Inquirers and YAM) and Church Council. This was our sixth year serving the Lenten meals and we averaged 45.3 people. This definitely was up from our 2017 average of 39.5 people. Our attendance for the meals ranged between 35 and 52 people. We would like to thank those individuals and families who supported our weekly meals. The meals provided an enjoyable mix of good food and good fellowship prior to our Lenten services.

Blood Drive



American Red Cross

Blood Drive **New Jerusalem** **Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall
2120 Startown Rd.
Hickory, NC 28602

Monday, April 9th
2:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Please visit redcrossblood.org & enter New Jerusalem to schedule an appointment.



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Senior Friends

Field Trip!

The Senior Friends are going on a field trip to the N.C. Transportation Museum Thursday, April 12. Please meet at the church at 8:00 am. After touring the museum, we will stop for lunch and return to the church no later than 3:00 pm. Please let Vicki Adams know by Wednesday, April 11 if you plan to attend.

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Catawba Valley Community Chorus



The Catawba Valley Community Chorus will present their 2018 Spring Concerts:

Sunday, April 29
4:00 pm

Grace Reformed UCC
117 East J Street
Newton, NC 28658

Sunday, May 6
4:00 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
3216 West Main Street
Claremont, NC 28610

Each concert is free with a free will offering accepted.

Church Bus Drivers

The following people are approved for driving the Church bus. If your name is not on this list, our insurance will not cover damage as a result of an accident.

Approved drivers:

Boyd Adams
Deron Bumgarner
Pastor Cauble
Allen Cook
Robert Hoyle
Chip Kanupp
James Morgan

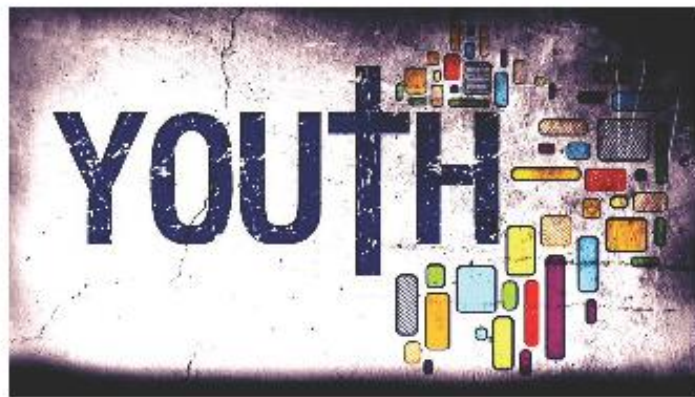


Catawba Valley Luther League

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We're bringing it back!

And it's kind of a big deal.



One Sunday a month, 8 youth groups will come together for games, fellowship, and worship!
This is your chance to be a part of something amazing! Trust us, you don't want to miss it.

First Catawba Valley Luther League Gathering:

Sunday, April 22nd * 3:00PM-5:00PM * @ New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

Coming events include: joint youth gatherings to meet up with other NALC youth, a lake party, the Faith Fest concert, a Reformation Party, opportunities to be involved in service activities and mission trips, and loads of food, fun, and fellowship

New Jerusalem * Christ United * St. James * Mt. Calvary * Grace * Miller's * St. Martin's * Holy Trinity

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Church Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018

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

The March Church Council meeting was held in the fellowship hall on March 12, 2018, at 6:30 pm, and was called to order by President Garret Turbyfill. All members were present.

Opening prayer was given by Pastor Cauble. Deron Bumgarner has devotions in April.

Adrian Lutz was the Council Designate for February 2018 and commented on the challenges of keeping the church temperatures comfortable.

The minutes for the February Council Meeting held on February 12, 2018, were approved as written.

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

Current:	\$ 120,668.42	Cemetery CD:	\$ 5,417.59	Phillips CD:	\$ 32,000.00
Available:	\$ 2,151.77	Checking:	\$ 11,087.62	Checking:	\$ 2,727.55
Benevolence:	\$ 5,809.73	Youth:	\$ 1,230.38	Mauser Fund:	\$ 76,444.74
Building:	\$ 62,423.54	Hand bells:	\$ 3,425.47	Lutheran Women:	\$ 69.49

Pastor's Report (January 2018): Pastoral Contacts: 51. These included Home Visits: 17; Hospital Visits: 3; Nursing Home Visits: 9; Pastor's Study: 11; and Other: 11. Services of Worship: 5; Meetings: 14; Classes Taught: 10; Officiated at one funeral for Cordie Cline on February 13, 2018; One Baptism for Bella Grace Hewitt on February 11, 2018.

February saw the passing of long time member Cordie Cline. Her funeral was held here at New Jerusalem on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Congregational sympathy is extended to her family.

The Lenten Season is well underway. Our attendance at the Sunday evening services has been very good! We look forward to a busy Holy Week and Easter Sunday later in the month of March and on the first day of April.

Visitors continue to worship with us. I hope that as a part of the greater Witness Committee you will make every effort to greet our guests and make them feel at home. Please remember our 25, 25, 25 challenge of 2018 with each member making 25 invitations, bringing in 25 new members and growing our average attendance by 25 people. We simply cannot remain the frozen chosen and see our Sunday school and worship attendances grow. We must reach out to the unchurched around us and invite them to church.

I have two names to offer as delegates. Dennis Bollinger would like to serve as our delegate to the Carolina's Mission District Convocation in May, and Wesley Reid would like to serve as our delegate to the National NALC Convocation this coming August. Council needs to approve these two men to be delegates. Thank you for all that you do!

Together in ministry,
Randall A. Cauble, Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- A motion was made by John Lutz, seconded by Donald Barger, to fund the new pew cushions from the DOT money obtained last year. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- John Lutz made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Purgeson, to deposit the remainder of the DOT money into the building fund once all associated sign moving cost are paid. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- A motion was made by Pastor Cauble and seconded by Deron Bumgarner to approve Dennis Bollinger as a delegate to the NALC Carolina's Mission District meeting and Wesley Reid as a delegate to the National Convocation. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Adrian Lutz made a motion and Rodney Throckmorton seconded that a television and bracket be purchased, with money from the building fund, and installed in the fellowship hall. A voice vote passed unanimously.
- Church council discussed concerns that projects have been done without the knowledge of the proper committee. Council requests that anyone scheduling work or buying materials for the church please notify the proper committee so that everyone is aware of the work.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A thank you note was received from the Catawba County Schools Early Head Start program for Thanksgiving meals donated in 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loose Offerings were designated as follows: March 29(Maundy Thursday) - Current Fund; April 1 (Sunrise Service and 10:30 Easter Service) – Current Fund; April 8 – VBS; April 15 – VBS; April 22 – VBS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Standing and Special*):

Church Property & Cemetery: (John Lutz/Aaron Beam): John Lutz reported the completion of the church sign move and expressed thanks to Aaron Beam for his assistance.

***Fellowship:** (Donald Barger):

- Plans are being made for the June 3 meal for new graduates.

Finance: (Garret Turbyfill/Etta Mae Bollinger/Deron Bumgarner): Garret advised that the church bank accounts have been audited.

Learning, Youth, & Family: (Robert Hoyle/Adrian Lutz): The middle/senior high youth (SLYC) will host a district meeting for several NALC congregation youth groups on April 22.

***Long Range Planning:** (Jimmy Purgeson): The new pew cushions have been ordered and will arrive in May.

Service: (Thad Scronce): New Jerusalem will host a blood drive on Monday, April 9, from 2:30 – 7:00pm.

Witness: (Danny Black/Pastor Cauble): October 2018 will be “Mission” month and the Witness committee plans to have a speaker to talk about witnessing to the unchurched along with a meal with menu to be determined.

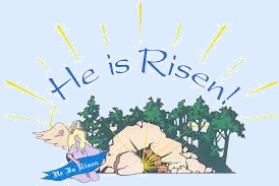
Worship: (Rodney Throckmorton/Pastor Cauble): Will meet on Sunday, March 18.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 9, at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Room.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Garret Turbyfill, President

Robert Hoyle, Secretary



April 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Easter Sunday 6:30 am – Sunrise Service 7:30 am - Easter Breakfast 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Festive Service of Holy Communion	2 2:00 pm – Women’s Group #3 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #2 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #4	3 1:00 pm – Quilters 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #1	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 5:30 pm – Youth Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	9 2:30-7:00 – Blood Drive 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	10 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters	11 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	12 8:00 am - Senior Friends Trip- NC Transportation Museum 6:30 pm – Bible Study	13	14
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