

YOU ARE MY REFUGE  
AND MY SHIELD. I HAVE  
PUT MY HOPE IN

*Your Word.*

Psalm 119:114

# News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

September 2018

## The Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year! Of course it's not January 1<sup>st</sup> or the First Sunday of Advent. However, when it comes to September, we do begin new activity in the life of the church and congregation. The pace begins to quicken as our children go back to school after the summer recess. Bible Study begins and the choirs begin their rehearsals. September begins a busy time of year. A new confirmation class will begin its work on Sunday morning, September 9 at 9:30 am. We do look forward to choir practices on Wednesday evenings and Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. Usually vacations are over and our attendance and giving pick up. Each person and family must decide just how involved they will be in the life of the New Jerusalem Congregation. We have much to offer with good traditional worship and excellent Sunday school classes. This past Sunday, August 19, we heard some very challenging verses from the book of Joshua and the Gospel of St. John. Joshua encouraged the people with these words: "And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this whom you will serve, whether the gods your father served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15). We all know the temptation to follow after all the gods with a little "g". However, The One true God calls us to be faithful to Him. Then, we heard in the

Gospel how Jesus gave the disciples and others a way out of being with him. But Peter spoke up and said in John 6:68 and 69, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." So, I implore you in your Christian faith, choose this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord and put Him first!

Together in ministry,

Pastor Cauble

## Early Services in September



Sunday, September 9 – 8:30 am  
Holy Communion – Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, September 23 – 8:30 am  
Holy Communion – Outdoor Chapel

## Looking for Volunteers!

## Bible Study in September



Tuesday mornings – 10:00 am  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
Bollinger Yount Room  
(We will continue our study in the  
book of First Kings)

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Thursday evenings – 6:30 pm  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Bollinger/Yount Room  
(We will begin a new study in the  
Book of Romans)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US  
FOR BIBLE STUDY!**

## Chancel Choir



Choir rehearsal will begin Wednesday,  
September 5. Join us at 5:30 pm for a  
sandwich and dessert supper. Choir begins at  
6:00 pm. New members are welcome!  
Everyone is invited – as we learn and prepare  
music for Worship. If you don't have a ride,  
we will come get you!



The Service Committee is sponsoring a blood  
drive Monday, October 1st, from 2:30-7:00  
pm. Volunteers are needed to work from  
4:30 – 7:00 pm. Please see Teresa  
Vanderlinden for more details or to  
volunteer.

## Homecoming



Our Church Homecoming will be  
Sunday, September 30. The guest preacher  
will be Pastor Ken Reid from Concordia  
Lutheran Church in China Grove, NC. A  
covered dish meal will follow our worship  
service. Please invite others to join us for  
this special occasion.

# Witness Month Coming in October

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New Jerusalem will concentrate on Witness and Mission in October. While we should concentrate on this every month, every Sunday, every day, during the month of October we will specifically advance the cause of missions and evangelism.

Several special events have been planned by the Witness Committee. The schedule is listed below. We encourage you to be present for these enlightening and motivational events and to bring others with you.

## **KICKOFF SUNDAY WITH SUPPER AT 6:00 PM (Menu to be decided)**

October 7, 2018

Fellowship Hall

The Rev. David Nuotilla, pastor of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in Chapin, SC, will tell us about his mission work in the Congo.

## **INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY**

October 14, 2018

Both Services – 8:30 am and 10:30 am

## **WATER MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL**

October 21, 2018

Time and Place to be determined

## **NEW DOMESTIC MISSION START SPONSORED BY NEW JERUSALEM**

October 28, 2018

7:00 pm

The Rev. Paulette McHugh, new mission developer of Joy Mission Congregation of Columbia, SC, will be our guest speaker. We will also enjoy the music of Todd Wright and his group Climbing Up The Ladder.

**SPREAD THE WORD AND COME AND SUPPORT THE MISSION WORK OF NEW JERUSALEM!**

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# New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting

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**August 13, 2018**

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

The August Church Council meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall on August 13, 2018, at 6:30 pm, and was called to order by President Garret Turbyfill.

Devotions and prayers were shared by Danny Black. Aaron Beam has devotions in September.

John Lutz said his month as council designate went well with very few complications.

The minutes for the Council meeting held on June 25, 2018 were approved as written.

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

*\*Etta Mae Bollinger requested that any invoices which include sales tax be turned in to the church treasurers as soon as possible as they are preparing to file for sales tax refunds soon.*

Current:	\$ 92,879.87	Cemetery CD:	\$ 5,417.59	Phillips CD:	\$ 32,000.00
Available:	\$ 4,513.59	Checking:	\$ 11,089.95	Checking:	\$ 2,736.17
Benevolence:	(June) \$ 14,723.23	Youth:	(June) \$ 846.10	Mauser Fund:	\$ 76,444.74
Building:	\$ 67,388.29	Hand bells:	\$ 3,425.47	Lutheran Women:	\$ 412.04

**Pastor's Report (May 2018):** Pastoral Contacts: 43. Including Home Visits: 13; Hospital Visits: 0; Nursing Home Visits: 4; Pastor's Study: 13; and other: 13. Services of Worship: 7; Meetings: 17; Classes Taught: 2; One Funeral for Nathan Bradley Shook – July 30, 2018

I conducted one funeral, in July, for Nathan Bradley Shook a 23 year old young man. His ashes were buried in the church cemetery near his great grand-mother Rose Brack. Nathan was the grandson of Jeanne Sigmon and the nephew of Pastor Jason Sigmon. Nathan was a member of New Jerusalem.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Jan Sorrells and Nick Helms and everyone else who made our 2018 Vacation Bible School a great success. We had much participation from different people and groups in the congregation. I also want to thank Leslie Benfield for teaching our adult class.

Activities are being planned for the upcoming months at New Jerusalem. I want to remind everyone of our Homecoming celebration on September 30. Pastor Ken Reed, who did his field work with us from 1999-2000, will be our special guest preacher. An old fashioned covered dish meal will be our lunch for the day. Thank you for all that you do!

Together in ministry,  
Randall A. Cauble,  
Pastor

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

- Robert brought a request from the congregation to add sound absorbing panels to the Fellowship Hall due to the loud noise. The Property Committee will investigate different options.
- A member of the congregation requested that the front doors to the sanctuary be painted before Homecoming. The Property Committee will arrange for painting.
- A request was brought by Garrett that the Service Committee provide witnessing literature with the Thanksgiving box meals for 2018. Donald and Thad will take the request to the committee.
- Etta Mae reported that several members didn't like the canned food in front of the altar on Sunday mornings. The Worship Committee will discuss the request.
- Several members commented that the sidewalks and flowerbeds around the church need cleaning and attention. John Lutz said the Property Committee will update and publish a list of weekly mowing duties so there is no confusion as to what needs to be done each week. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to work around the church at any time. Even if they are not signed up to mow grass. See John if you would like to help.
- Adrian brought a concern about the Intinction Communion method. Could wine/juice be distributed in cups when we que up as we do for Intinction so that the wine/juice is not contaminated with everyone's fingers? The Worship Committee will discuss options.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Property Committee will investigate prices for a replacement oven/range for the Fellowship Hall. The current oven has been malfunctioning often. Jimmy Purgeson will investigate.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Loose Offerings were designated as follows: August 19 – Current; 26 – Salvation Army, September 2 – Red Cross; 9 – American Heritage Girls; 16,23 – NJLC Women; 30 – Current.*
- Church Council will provide flowers for the Homecoming Service in September.

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

#### **Church Property & Cemetery:** (John Lutz/Aaron Beam):

- John reported that the sidewalks around the church have been Clorox'd recently.
- Rodney is looking for a larger replacement mirror for the church bus.
- The fencing material which were recently removed from the tennis courts has been donated to a local youth ball field in Claremont. Council requests that these materials be moved by October 1.

**\*Fellowship:** (Donald Barger): Donald reported that the committee prepared meals during VBS and also plans to meet in September to plan for upcoming events.

**Finance:** (Garret Turbyfill/Etta Mae Bollinger/Deron Bumgarner): Garret reported that preparations are being made for the 2019 budget which will be presented for approval in November.

**Learning, Youth, & Family:** (Robert Hoyle/Adrian Lutz): Robert and Randall reported that VBS was successful. Discussion was had by council about the future of VBS and the shrinking enrollment from previous years. VBS could be a one or two-day event in 2019.

**\*Long Range Planning:** (Jimmy Purgeson): Randall reported that members of the congregation have expressed an interest in an outdoor shelter where the ball field currently sits. Other churches in the area have similar shelters. (St. Paul's - Startown, Grace, Zion - Mt. View)

**Service:** (Thad Scronce):

- The committee is requesting volunteers to help with the quarterly blood drive. Several current members don't like to drive in the dark and would like to have relief around 5:30 pm so they can get home before dark.
- The committee has distributed pew envelopes, so members of the congregation can sponsor Thanksgiving meal boxes. The cost is approximately \$30 per box.
- We also need ECCCM volunteers in Newton. See Donald or Randall for typical duties.

**Witness:** (Danny Black/Pastor Cauble): Randall and Danny reported that the committee would like to take on two additional missions this year.

- A domestic mission would assist the Joy Mission Church in South Carolina.
- A foreign mission

The committee would also like to devote resources to Water Missions, a group that provides clean drinking water in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

Danny and Randall will meet with Kristy to brainstorm ideas of how to keep up our current website.

**Worship:** (Rodney Throckmorton/Pastor Cauble): Randall distributed minutes from the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Will work on changes in wedding guidelines (Wedding Director section)
- Rebecca Riggs will be married in the spring at NJLC.
- October is **Mission Month:**
  - 10/7 Speaker David Nuottila from St. Jacobs – Chapin SC.
  - 10/14 Invite a Friend to Church for an old fashion Sunday.
  - 10/21 Temple Talk on Water Missions.
  - 10/28 Paulette McHugh, Mission Director of Joy Mission Church in Lexington SC.
  - Reformation Sunday evening service to feature a meal and piano music by Todd Wright.
  - Future Events: September 5 – Chancel Choir practice begins. September 23 – Lutheran Women's Sunday. September 30 – Homecoming with Ken Reed. November 18 – Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 pm. November 25 – Christ the King Sunday. December 1 – Hanging of the Greens, meal and service. December 16 – Christmas play. December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 8:00 pm.
  - No Fall Festival this year due to poor attendance for several consecutive years.
  - The church will begin using **Setting One** in the green book in December.

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, September 10, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Garret Turbyfill, President

Robert Hoyle, Secretary

## September Birthdays

1 – Salem Lutz Shannon, Laura Holland  
 2 – Scott Brittain  
 3 – Jan Sorrells  
 4 – Linda Preslar, Denise Wallace, Vicki Adams  
 5 – Amber Hefner, Schuyler Spurrier, Janet Spinks  
 7 – Shirley Poovey, Carolyn Elliott  
 8 – Rusty Huffman, Sadie Hoyle  
 9 – Kay Mundy, Paula White  
 11 – Glenda Mitchell, Leann Barger  
 12 – Carolyn Riggs  
 13 – Brian Rousey  
 14 – David Hefner  
 15 – Melissa Stamey, Robin Hutchins  
 16 – Billy Young, Jerry Settlemire  
 17 – Scott Lael, Judy Evans  
 18 – Margaret Alice Rader  
 19 – Patty Shull, Pastor Cauble, Allen Cook  
 20 – Allison George  
 21 – Kimberly Repaire, Donna Bunton, Brett Brooks  
 22 – Donald Barger, Sr.  
 24 – Shari Abernethy, Ann Kanupp, Katherine Cook  
 25 – Gill Kanupp  
 28 – Julie Temple, Nick Helms  
 29 – Jennifer Morgan, Rusty Lutz, Ronald Hefner, Andrea L. Young  
 30 – Redgie Miller

## Thank You for Serving in September

### New Jerusalem Lutheran Women

Group 1	Sept. 4 – 7:00 pm Hostess – Jennifer Bumgarner Leader – Kay Weaver
Group 2	Sept. 3 – 7:00 pm Hostess/Leader – Donna Bunton
Group 3	Sept. 3 – 2:00 pm Hostess – Doris Lutz Leader – Carolyn Robinson
Group 4	Sept. 10 – 7:00 pm Hostess/Leader – Kirsten Lutz

### Council Designate

Aaron Beam

### Lutheran Men

Sept. 9 – 6:00 pm  
Leaders – Dennis Bollinger  
Robert Hoyle

### Teller Committee

\*Aaron Beam  
Sandra Bollinger  
Robert Hoyle

### Altar Committee

Frankie Fulbright, Chm.  
Glenda Shook  
Carolyn Robinson  
Vicki Cauble

### Pastor's Assistant

Aaron Beam

### Pastor's Assistants w/Intinction

Connie Bumgarner  
Karen Teague

### Acolyte

Thomas Helms

### Greeters

Shirley Robinson  
Libby Throckmorton

### Flowers in the Church

September 2	Christina Heavener
September 9	Frankie Fulbright
September 16	Cook
September 23	Open
September 30	Church Council

### Ushers

Deron Bumgarner, Chm.  
Nick Helms  
Richard Dameron  
Wayne Cashion

### Tape Ministry

Sept. 2 & 9	Connie Bumgarner & Dianne Black
Sept. 16 & 23	Tommy & Patty Greenhill
Sept. 30	Kirsten Lutz

### Nursery

September 2	Rhonda Kiser & Lisa Cook
September 9	Amy Gates & Julie Temple
September 16	Vicki Cauble & Carolyn Riggs
September 23	Kirsten Lutz & Janet Spinks
September 30	Glenda Shook & Jan Sorrells

### Yard Maintenance & Mowing

Sept. 2	John Lutz Family and Richard Dameron
Sept. 9	Dale and Ryan Lutz
Sept. 16	Rusty Huffman Family
Sept. 23	Rusty Lutz and Danny Sorrells
Sept. 30	Aaron Beam and Gerald Ferguson

## Looking Ahead

### Luther League Meetings

October – Reformation celebration, Gastonia  
November 17 – St. Martin's Church in Maiden

*Come to me, all you  
who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.*  
*Matthew 11:28*

# September 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 2-Green 22-Green 9-Green 29-Green 16-Green						1
2 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	3 2:00 pm – Women’s Group #3 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #2	4 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #1	5 5:30 pm – Choir Sandwich & Dessert Supper 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 6:30 pm – Bible Study	7	8
9 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 6:00 pm – Lutheran Men’s Meeting	10 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #4	11 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters	12 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 6:30 pm – Bible Study	14	15
16 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	17	18 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters	19 11:30 am – Senior Friends 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 6:30 pm – Bible Study	21	22
23 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 3:00 – Luther League	24	25 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters	26 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 6:30 pm – Bible Study	28	29
30 - Homecoming 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship (followed by Covered Dish Dinner)						