



*Behold*

I make all things new.  
Revelation 21:5

# News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

January 2019

## The Pastor's Pen

For some reason, the culture thinks that the twelve days of Christmas come before Christmas Day. However, we know that the twelve days of Christmas begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December and runs to January 5. We have twelve days to celebrate the wonderful gift that God gave to the world, his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As we hear in John 3:16, "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." This was and is the greatest gift ever given. Through this great and wonderful gift we have salvation, eternal life. This is the message we are to take out to the world during the season of Epiphany and beyond. This year, we have the great opportunity to celebrate Epiphany Day, January 6, on Sunday. Epiphany means revelation, and revelation is a gift. We hear about the coming of the Wise Men on Epiphany Day. Even though the number three is never used in the scriptures, we assume that three wise men came because three gifts were given, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold would be the gift given to a king and we know that Jesus is Christ the King. Frankincense would be used by a priest in the temple and we know that Jesus is the great high priest, the bridge builder between God and man. Myrrh was given because it is used for taking care of the dead and we know that Jesus was born to die for the sins of the world. Because the Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus, we in turn give gifts to others especially the poor, at this time of year. Also, we call to mind the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ, our Lord. I wish for everyone a happy Epiphany and a great and healthy 2019!

Together in ministry,  
Pastor Cauble

## Bible Memory Verses

### **For Adults**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

### **For Children**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

*\*\* The children's memory verse is from part of the Lutheran service. Ask your child if they recognize it during the service! \*\**



## Bible Study in January



Tuesdays at 10:00 am – **The Gospel of John** –  
January 8, 15, 22, 29

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Thursdays at 6:30 pm – **Genesis** –  
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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## New Member Sunday



New members will be received on Sunday, January 27, 2019. If you would like to join New Jerusalem or know of someone who might like to join please let Pastor Cauble know.

## 2019 Yearbook Reports

The deadline for turning in reports for the 2019 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!

## New Council Members Installed

New Church Council Members were installed Sunday, December 30. The new members are Keith Bullard, BJ Morgan, Wesley Reid, and Ken Temple. We extend many thanks to our four retiring council members: Donald Barger, Jr., Etta Mae Bollinger, Robert Hoyle, and Garret Turbyfill.

## Thank You

*Dear Congregation,*

*Thank you so much for the generous gift of money you gave us on Christmas Eve. Your kindness, generosity, and the love you have shown us are greatly appreciated. Thank you again and God bless you in the New Year.*

*Sincerely,  
Pastor Cauble, Vicki, Jacob, & Luke*

## Blood Drive



## American Red Cross

### Blood Drive New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall  
2120 Startown Rd.  
Hickory, NC 28602

**Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
2:30 PM to 7:00 PM**

## Pew Cushions

If you would like one of the old pew cushions, or if you know of a church family who would be able to use them, please see someone on the Property Committee.

## Senior Friends



Senior Friends will be playing BINGO in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, January 16. Please bring a **wrapped** Bingo prize with you. Everyone is welcome!



**ATTENTION: All Adults willing to help raise a CROP**  
**CROP: Children Receiving Our Prayers**

This is our third year for this program (started in 2017). The guidelines are listed below. **We need individuals who are willing to participate in 2019.** In 2018 we had 44 children and 24 volunteers. Depending on number of volunteers, each volunteer will have 1, 2 or 3 children's names. You will receive each child's name and necessary information and will mail 14 cards/per child throughout the year, one for each month and the other two are to recognize the child's birthday and baptism. Of course daily we would want you to include the child/children in your prayers. *(The reason for cards only, no gifts, is so all children in the family will receive the same support.)* If you are willing to serve, there is a sign-up form on the table as you come in the narthex, the 2019 Time and Talent Sheet or you may contact Sandra Bollinger by phone: 828-294-4585 or email: [sdbollinger73@gmail.com](mailto:sdbollinger73@gmail.com). The 2019 CROP year runs from February 2019 through January 2020. Thank you for helping us to keep this program up and running and supporting our children in prayer.

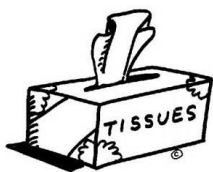
**CROP (Children Receiving Our Prayers)**

- Open for Children from Birth to High School Graduation
- Graduate's Option if want to continue while attending college
- CROP Volunteer sends a card **ONLY** the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month —  
if 15<sup>th</sup> falls on Sunday, send card on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Send a special card for their birthday
- Send a special card in honor of their baptism
- New child(ren) each year—with updated information
- CROP Volunteers randomly receive the child's name/card
- It is not a secret who the CROP Volunteer is—suggest you introduce yourself to the child

## Putting New Jerusalem's Mission Statement into Action...

**WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO GROW IN OUR PERSONAL FAITH THROUGH WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND TO PUT THIS FAITH INTO ACTION BY SHARING AND WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN WORDS AND DEEDS.**

New Jerusalem Lutheran Women is providing you new opportunities in 2019 for **sharing** and witnessing for **Christ** in words and **deeds**. We would like to ask you to assist on our **JAN./Feb.** collection of school supplies for needy school(s) and students. We would appreciate donations of any amount (including money\* to make purchases) as it includes these specific items: **reams of white copy paper, Kleenexes, hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes.**



These items will be collected in January and February and placed in the grocery cart in the Gathering Room. Items will be distributed to the school(s) in the area with the greatest needs. (This summer we will make a regular school supply appeal.)

**All donations are due by Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.**

\*Monetary donations may be given to  
President Jennifer Bumgarner or to Treasurer Sandra Bollinger

*Thank you so much for reaching out to help others!  
New Jerusalem Lutheran Women*

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

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DECEMBER 10, 2018

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

The December Church Council meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall on December 10, 2018, at 5:30 pm. Thad Scronce and was absent. The meeting was called to order by President Garret Turbyfill.

Devotions were shared by Robert Hoyle. Ken Temple has devotions in January.

Etta Mae Bollinger thanked Wayne Cashion, Danny Black, John Lutz, Robert Hoyle and Deron Bumgarner for their assistance with unlocking the church and taking money to the bank in November, while she was council designate.

The minutes for the council meeting held on November 12, 2018 were approved as written.

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

Current:	\$ 98,475.12	Cemetery CD:	\$ 5,417.59	Phillips CD:	\$ 32,000.00
Available:	\$ 9,486.72	Checking:	\$ 11,091,81	Checking:	\$ 2,740.51
Benevolence:	\$ 14,708.00	Youth:	\$ 820.10	Mauser Fund:	\$ 76,444.74
Building:	\$ 70,302.66	Hand bells:	\$ 3,425.47	Lutheran Women:	\$ 845.29

**Pastor's Report (October 2018):** Pastoral Contacts - 51, Including Home Visits - 14; Hospital Visits - 6; Nursing Home Visits - 5; Pastor's Study - 14; and other - 12. Services of Worship - 5; Meetings - 12; Classes Taught - 7.

One Baptism for Rachel Catalina Barba – November 4, 2018.

One Baptism for Caleb Van Dam Coleman – November 11, 2018.

One Wedding for Nathan and Grace Fulbright – November 17, 2018.

What a wonderful and busy month November has been. We had two baptisms in the month on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup>. I was honored to officiate at the wedding for Nathan and Grace (Stokes) Fulbright at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC. Nathan is the son of the late Glenn Fulbright and the grandson of Frankie Fulbright.

Our giving, during the month of November, also increased and we are currently in the black as shown in the bulletin under the needed amount given. Financially, we are finishing the year on a great note! One goal for 2019, however, should be how we can increase our attendance. One way, I see, is to encourage the inactive to become more active in worship and other events at the church.

A warm welcome is extended to our newly elected council members, Keith Bullard, James (BJ) Morgan, Wesley Reid, and Ken Temple. I am looking at either the last Sunday of the month (year) or the first Sunday of January (year) for their installation. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to our four retiring members, Donald Barger Jr., Etta Mae Bollinger, Robert Hoyle, and Garret Turbyfill. Many thanks are extended to all of you for your service this past year. We look forward to a great 2019! God's blessings and Merry Christmas to all of you.

Together in ministry,  
The Rev. Randall A. Cauble,  
Pastor

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

- Pastor Cauble requested to use vacation days for Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>. He will work the week between the two Sundays. He has arranged for a supply pastor for these Sundays. **Council accepted his request by consensus.**
- Robert brought a request from a member of the congregation that the Church Constitution and Cemetery By-laws be reviewed this year. Council members agreed that the time was right to review both documents and bring any needed amendments to the congregational meeting next year.
- Donald brought a concern from a neighbor of the church that the parking lot light, by the scout hut, shines in their window at night and disrupts their sleep. The Property Committee will investigate re-directing the light.
- Jimmy was asked by a member to investigate new carpet for the nursery. He will research floor types and prices through the Long Range Planning Committee.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Dr. Amy Schiffrin of the North American Lutheran Seminary expressed thanks for a \$500.00 gift to the Theological Education Fund. She also asked that we all pray for potential seminary students who are discerning a call to the ministry.
- Seminary candidate Ben Blobaum, of Trinity School in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, expressed thanks for the scholarship he received from the North American Lutheran Church. Our church contributed to this scholarship by contributing to the Seminary.
- ECCCM sent a thank you note for contributions of 84 pounds of food donated in November.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- none

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Loose Offerings were designated as follows: January 13, 20, 27 – Current Fund.*
- Rodney made a request that the Lutheran Men report their bank balance in the treasurer's reports each month to be consistent with the other accounts held by the church. Garret will bring the request to the men's group.
- Donald Barger motioned (Seconded by Danny Black) to dispose of the old pew cushions. John Lutz requested to table the motion until the January council meeting so that a potential recipient could be found.

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

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

- Installed outdoor nativity scene. Discussion was had among the group about purchasing a new nativity scene.

#### **\*Fellowship:** (Donald Barger):

- Donald reported that the committee will host the Christmas play soup and sandwich meal on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Finance:** (Garret Turbyfill/Etta Mae Bollinger/Deron Bumgarner):

- Garret reported that the church books (bank accounts) will audited in late February as is customary.

#### **Learning, Youth, & Family:** (Robert Hoyle/Adrian Lutz):

- The youth and adults will go caroling on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning will begin soon for VBS 2019.

#### **\*Long Range Planning:** (Jimmy Purgeson):

- No meeting

**Service:** (Thad Scronce):

- Thanksgiving boxes were delivered on November 17. The project was very successful.

**Witness:** (Danny Black/Pastor Cauble):

- A new member Sunday will be held in January.
- We may have visitors from a church in Morganton. Please welcome visitors when you see them in church.

**Worship:** (Rodney Throckmorton/Pastor Cauble):

- Began using worship setting #1 last week without incident.
- Began a new style of communion in November.
- Planning Christmas Eve service.

**2019 Council – Planning Meeting**

The 2019 church council held a planning meeting after the regular December business meeting.

Officers were elected as follows:

President - Ken Temple, Vice-President – Rodney Throckmorton, and Secretary – Wesley Reid.

Treasurers: Current – Etta Mae Bollinger, Building – Garret Turbyfill, and Benevolence – Deron Bumgarner.

Council Designate by Month:

January – Ken Temple, February – Adrian Lutz, March – Rodney Throckmorton, April – Deron Bumgarner, May – Thad Scronce, June – Keith Bullard, July – John Lutz, August – Danny Black, September – Aaron Beam, October – Jimmy Purgeson, November – Wesley Reid, December – James Morgan.

Committee Assignments (Pastor Cauble is a member of all committees):

Property – John Lutz and Aaron Beam; Fellowship/Communications – James Morgan; Finance/Stewardship – Deron Bumgarner and Keith Bullard; Learning, Youth & Family – Adrian Lutz; Long Range Planning – Jimmy Purgeson; Service – Thad Scronce and James Morgan; Witness - Danny Black; Worship – Rodney Throckmorton.

*\*\*\*A reminder to everyone to have committee and church reports turned in to the church office by January 15<sup>th</sup> for the yearbook.*

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 14, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Garret Turbyfill, President

Robert Hoyle, Secretary

## January Birthdays

1 – Matthew Barger, Charlie Hoyle  
 3 – Carol Lutz, Diane Lutz  
 4 – Cindy Lutz, Wade Mauser  
 5 – Alex Hayman  
 8 – Barbara Lael  
 10 – Danny Hughes  
 11 – Kirsten Lutz  
 13 – Chad Kanipe, Ronnie McGee  
 14 – Holli Abernethy  
 15 – Danny Black  
 16 – Gene Mauser, Brian Poovey  
 17 – Dale Hefner, Richard Dameron  
 18 – Charles Barkley, Randy Bumgarner, Amy Mauser,  
 Tommy Mitchell, Brandy (Bumgarner) Cline,  
 Donald  
 George  
 19 – Nathan Beam  
 21 – Pat Bell  
 23 – Elaine Garner, Tommy Greenhill  
 24 – Chance Carden  
 25 – Matthew Martin  
 26 – Carolyn Robinson  
 27 – Angela Kanipe  
 30 – Rachel Hoyle  
 31 – Jonah Temple

## Thank You for Serving in January...

### New Jerusalem Lutheran Women

Group 1	Tuesday, Jan. 8 – Out to Eat
Group 3	Monday, Jan. 14 – 2:00 pm Gathering Room Hostess – Betty Orovitz Leader – Carolyn Robinson
Group 4	Monday, Jan. 7 – 7:00 pm Gathering Room Hostess/Leader – Sandra Bollinger

**Council Designate** Donald Barger, Jr.

**Lutheran Men** January 6 – 6:00 pm

**Teller Committee** \*Donald Barger, Jr.  
Shay Bollinger  
Adrian Lutz

### Altar Committee

Donna Barger, Chm.  
Lauren Barger  
Frankie Fulbright  
Betty Scipione

### Pastor's Assistant

Betty Scipione

### Pastor Assistant w/Intinction

Rusty Lutz  
Janet Dameron

### Acolyte

Thomas Helms

### Greeters

Cindy Lutz  
Landon Scronce

### Flowers in the Church

Jan. 6	Available
Jan. 13	Available
Jan. 20	Available
Jan. 27	Available

### Ushers

Dennis Weaver, Chm.  
Danny Black  
Aaron Beam  
Donald Barger, Jr.

### Tape Ministry

Jan. 6	BJ Morgan
Jan. 13	BJ Morgan
Jan. 20	Connie Bumgarner & Dianne Black
Jan. 27	Connie Bumgarner & Dianne Black

### Nursery

Jan. 6	Pressley Kiser Kylie Morgan
Jan. 13	Rhonda Kiser Susan Huffman
Jan. 20	Betty Purgeson Janet Spinks
Jan. 27	Amanda Helms Jennifer Bumgarner





# January 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 6 – White 13 – Green 20 – Green 27 - Green		1 New Year's Day *** Church Office Closed	2	3 6:30 pm – Bible Study	4	5
6 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	7 2:30 – 7:00 pm – Blood Drive  7:00 pm – Women's Group #4 – Gathering Room	8 10:00 am – Bible Study  Women's Group #1 – Out to eat	9 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	10 6:30 pm – Bible Study	11	12
13 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	14 2:00 pm – Women's Group #3 – Gathering Room  6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	15 10:00 am – Bible Study  Deadline for Yearbook Reports	16 11:30 am – Senior Friends  6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	17 6:30 pm – Bible Study	18	19
20 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Service of Holy Communion 3:00 - 5:00 pm – Luther League at St. James Lutheran in Newton	21	22 10:00 am – Bible Study	23 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	24 6:30 pm – Bible Study	25	26
27 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	28	29 10:00 am – Bible Study	30 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	31 6:30 pm – Bible Study		