



# News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

March 2019

## The Pastor's Pen

Lent begins, this year, on Ash Wednesday, March 6. I hope that all of you will be able to come for the very important Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes as we begin another Lenten Season. The Lenten Season is forty days long not counting Sundays. In the Early Church, Easter was the main celebration, which also set aside a period of preparation to celebrate the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter). Lent was and is a time of preparation to prepare our hearts through prayer and confession in order to receive our crucified and risen Lord. The forty days are associated with Jesus' forty days in the wilderness prior to his temptation (Matthew 4:1-11) and with the forty years the people of Israel spent in the wilderness (Numbers 14:34), becoming a period of preparation for every Christian as we await Easter. The Sundays during this season are not "of Lent" but "in Lent." Thus, the Sundays retain an Easter tone and may be less solemn than the Sunday Evening Services we observe here at New Jerusalem. The observances of Lent are concrete reminders of the greater solemnity of this season, yet Lutherans emphasize the Gospel of Christ as central even in this penitential season.

## LENTEN PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- The church is decorated in purple, the color of royalty and repentance. This period of repentance is marked by a purposeful turning away from our sin and turning toward Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.
- Ash Wednesday begins the observation of Lent. Ashes on the forehead is a sign of penitence and a reminder that we, too, shall die and thereafter need forgiveness from Jesus.
- Alleluia is the Hebrew word for "Praise the Lord." It is a joyous expression of faith in God. During Lent, we forego using this joyful response in order to focus on our need for repentance and faith.
- Many churches observe Lent by gathering for an extra service during the weeks of Lent. At New Jerusalem we have our special service on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. We use the **Holden Evening Prayer** as our form of worship on these Sunday evenings. Prior to the worship we have a meal at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited and encouraged to join us for the meal and the Service of Worship.

(Much of the material above is taken from the  
Pastor Desk Diary, 2019)



## ***Ash Wednesday***

March 6, 2019  
7:00 pm  
Imposition of Ashes  
and Service of Holy Communion

## ***Sunday Evening Services During Lent***

7:00 pm

March 10 – “Off in the Woods”  
March 17 – “There’s No Place Like Home”  
March 24 – “Meandering Nomads”  
March 31 – “It’s Not Too Late!”  
April 7 – “From Nomads to Pilgrims”  
April 14 – Service of Healing

A meal precedes each service at 6:00 pm

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



## ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*** ***March 5, 2019*** ***6:30 pm***

*Please join us for this feast,  
as this is our last celebration in  
preparation for the Lenten Season.*

*Pancakes  
Bacon  
Sausage  
Livermush*

## Thank You

Dear NJLC Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Peace Lily, cards, calls and prayers during our difficult time. We truly appreciate each of you.

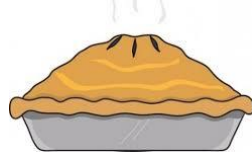
Kay Weaver, Karen Teague, James Johnson and families

*thank you*

Thank you for everyone’s support on our collection of school supplies for a needy school. We delivered the following items to St. Stephens Elementary School: 30 Boxes of Kleenexes, 8 Reams of Paper, 13 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer, 10 Disinfecting Wipes, and 1 bag of miscellaneous items. The school seemed very appreciative of the items.

Sincerely,  
NJ Lutheran Women

# Chicken Pie Dinner Fundraiser



to support our  
**2019 Youth Mission Trip**  
to Savannah, GA

Saturday, March 2  
5 pm – 7 pm  
New Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall

**Dine-in or Carryout**  
Suggested Donation: \$8.00 per plate

## 2019 LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE

**Meal: 6:00 PM Service: 7:00 PM**

A free will donation  
will be taken.

Lenten Service	Group Providing the Meal	Menu	Contact Person
Sun., March 10	Luth. Women-Group 4	Soup/Sandwiches	Sandra Bollinger
Sun., March 17	Council	Sub Sandwiches	BJ Morgan
Sun., March 24	YAM Sun. Sch. Class (Young Adult Ministry)	Chili	Keith Bullard
Sun., March 31	Luth. Women-Group 1	Poor Man's Supper	Jenny Morgan
Sun., April 7	Bollinger/Yount Sun. Sch. Class	Pizza & Salad	Janet Dameron
Sun., April 14 (Palm Sunday)	Inquirers Sun. Sch. Class	Spaghetti & Salad	Sandra Bollinger

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

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**February 11, 2019**

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

The February 2019 Church Council meeting was held February 11, 2019. All members of Church Council were in attendance except President Ken Temple. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Rodney Throckmorton.

Devotions were shared by Adrian Lutz. Rodney Throckmorton has devotions in March 2019.

The minutes for the council meeting held January 14, 2019 were approved with revisions as below:

- **Phillips Fund:** From Dennis Bollinger, Treasurer-read to council by Rodney Throckmorton.  
CORRECTIONS TO THE JAN. 14, 2019 COUNCIL MINUTES
  - Under **NEW BUSINESS:** (2ND Bullet): The Phillips Fund trustees are the only people authorized to spend the Phillips Memorial Fund money. Finance and Council may make recommendations to the trustees (Dennis Bollinger, Shay Bollinger, and Garret Turbyfill).
  - (2nd Bullet: cont'd): Incorrect amounts in CD and Checking. Presently the CD has \$32,000 and checking has \$2,545.67. The amount shown in the minutes reflects if we (the trustees) make said changes when CD renews in April.
  - (5th Bullet, Matter of Information): If the trustees do move \$10,000 from CD to checking we cannot use but \$1,500 per year; however, we currently are considering saving \$300 out of the \$1,500 for our annual Christmas treat bags. At best we wouldn't be able to direct but \$1,200 to the Youth's Mission Trip.

**Motion was made by Pastor Cauble to make the changes as noted above by Dennis Bollinger to the January 2019 minutes.** This was seconded by Deron Bumgarner *and council accepted this by unanimous consensus vote.*

Council agrees with designating the \$1,500 per year as follow: \$1,200 to the Youth's Mission Trip and \$300 Christmas treat bags as per the Phillips Fund trustees.

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

Current: \$94,821.98	Benevolence: \$2,963.23	Youth: \$820.10	Lutheran Men: \$875.60	Phillips Fund Checking: \$2,545.67
Available: \$5,634.47	Cemetery: \$11,092.75	Hand bells: \$3,131.67	Mauser Fund CD: \$76,444.74	Phillips Fund CD: \$32,000.00
Building: \$73,002.66	Cemetery CD: \$5,417.59	Women's: \$446.29		

Pastor's Report:

January, 2019

Pastoral Contacts – 39; including:     Home Visits – 14  
  Hospital Visits – 2  
  Nursing Home Visits – 1  
  Pastor's Study – 6  
  Others – 16

Services of Worship – 3

Meetings – 22

Classes Taught – 10

Two Funerals – 1. Dorothy Johnson – January 4, 2019, 2. Charles Floyd – January 26, 2019

One Sunday on vacation – January 20, 2019

Most of our committees have met, Property/Cemetery, Worship, Witness, Fellowship, and Service on January 27. The Finance Committee met on January 28. Thank you for your hard work. I look forward to some healthy discussion concerning these meetings. The Learning, Youth and Family Committee will meet soon. A Luther League planning session was held at New Jerusalem on Tuesday, February 5. We will host the May meeting of the area Luther League on May 19.

We need to elect, tonight, a delegate for the Carolina's Mission District Convocation to be held in North Charleston, SC, May 17 and 18, and for the NALC Convocation to be held in Indianapolis, IN, August 7-10.

Pastor Bob Alle has agreed to fill in for me while I am out with hip surgery. I look forward to returning to work as soon as possible following the surgery (March 5) and recovery.

Jim Abernethy, husband of Paulette Abernethy, would like to join New Jerusalem by affirmation of faith. I would like to welcome him into the church next Sunday, February 17. Thank you for all that you do!

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

Pastor Cauble made the **Motion that we approve Audrey Rozzelle as a Delegate from New Jerusalem to the Carolina's Mission District Convocation to be held in North Charleston, SC, May 17 and 18, 2019.** This motion was seconded by Keith Bullard and *council accepted this by unanimous consensus vote.*

Pastor Cauble made the **Motion that we approve Vicki Cauble as a Delegate from New Jerusalem to the NALC Convocation to be held in Indianapolis, IN, August 7-10, 2019.** This motion was seconded by John Lutz and *council accepted this by unanimous consensus vote.*

Pastor Cauble made the **Motion that we approve Jim Abernethy to join New Jerusalem as a new member by affirmation of faith.** This motion was seconded by Danny Black and *council accepted this by unanimous consensus vote.*

Congregational Suggestions/Concerns:

None new shared

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Church received multiple thank you notes.

Letters of appreciation were received from:

- Pastor Kalonji for the financial donation of \$612.52 for the Congo Mission.
- Missionaries Brian and Allie McClure for financial gift.
- Pastor Paulette McHugh for the financial support of Joy Mission Church.
- Matt and Sabrina Pursley on behalf of Cru Ministries for the financial gift of \$1614.
- The Carolinas Mission District for four Benevolence donations totaling \$1,201.20.
- Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary for financial support totaling \$2,610.00.
- ECCCM for \$2,044.50 in financial support and 437 pounds of food.
- American Red Cross for a donation of \$44.25.
- Catawba County Council on Aging for a gift of \$378.00.
- North American Lutheran Seminary for the financial gift of \$450.00
- Lutheran Bible Translators for the congregation's active financial participation totaling \$2,980.00.
- St. Jude Children's Hospital for the financial gift of \$240.
- ECCCM for a donation of 56 pounds of food during the month of January.
- North American Lutheran Church for 2018 contributions of \$9,570.

Old Business:

- Disposal/disposition of the old pew cushions back on the agenda- Tabled until the February meeting. Despite asking our Mission District and advertising by council and Pastor Cauble, no one expressed interest in the old pew cushions.  
Keith Bullard made the **Motion to dispose of the old pew cushions**. This was seconded by Aaron Beam and *council approved this by unanimous consensus vote*.
- Discussion about purchasing a new outside nativity scene for the church is being evaluated by James Morgan as to the cost. This will be discussed in detail at future council meetings.
- CPR and AED training/retraining will occur May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 3-5PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is being scheduled by Thad Scronce.
- Fire Alarm Reset codes-John Lutz looking into this with Gil Kanupp and reset codes to be given to church secretary.
- Phillips Fund discussed above in minutes section
- Youth mission trip to Savannah, GA- Last payment of \$2,144.00 due by April 2019. Chicken Pie Fundraiser Saturday March 2, 2019 from 5PM to 7PM to help fund. Please support the Youth Mission Trip. Church and council also looking into donation envelopes for sponsoring youth trip. Phillips fund donation per trustees.
- Kristy's and Pastor's computers were purchased and are working well. Money used from the Building Fund.

New Business:

- Nick Schroeder (828 327-7000 Ext. 4041) from CVCC came to this council meeting to discuss the possibility of using our church ball field as an optional practice field for the CVCC softball team.

Presentation information was given by Mr. Schroeder regarding using the horticulture program at CVCC to help design and maintain our field. CVCC softball players would be insured by CVCC insurance for any injuries or damage caused by their players per Mr. Schroeder. John Lutz to contact CVCC for them to draft a written formal agreement outlining all aspects of their use of our ball field including our responsibility for any mowing, maintenance and any liability. Council to vote on this by a called meeting or at next council meeting.

- Loose Offerings were designated as follows:
  - March 3-Joy Mission Church
  - March 6 (Ash Wednesday)-Corner Table
  - March 10-Salvation Army--- March 10 (First Sunday in Lent)-Salvation Army
  - March 17-Red Cross--- March 17 (Second Sunday in Lent)-Red Cross
  - March 24-St. Jude--- March 24 (Third Sunday in Lent)-St. Jude
  - March 31-St. Jude--- March 31 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)-St. Jude
  - Lenten Folders: Youth Mission Trip
- Council to provide a Lenten meal-form completed and returned to Worship Committee. Council members donated money to the Lenten meal which will likely be sub sandwiches. Money given to James Morgan who will be our council contact person for this.
- Council discussed tax code change concerning UBIT for employee parking (Section 512 (a)(7)).

Ministries: (Pastor Cauble is a member of all committees)

Cemetery and Property Committee- John Lutz and Aaron Beam. This committee met January. Reported they are looking at some lighting changes and possibly placing a motion light outside the gathering room.

Fellowship/Communications Committee-James Morgan. This committee met January 27, 2019. Shrove Tuesday Pancake meal being planned. Mother's Day recognition is May 12, 2019. Graduate recognition is June 2, 2019. Father's Day recognition is June 16, 2019.

Finance/Stewardship Committee -Keith Bullard and Deron Bumgarner. Meeting February 26, 2019 at 6 PM at the church. They are auditing the books and talked about the possibility of obtaining an outside audit. Transitioning Kristy to Treasurer was discussed. They also discussed the possibility of an electronic giving app. It was also discussed that we need to get our ministries on our website and revise our website to better advertise for our church.

Learning/Youth and Family Committee -Adrian Lutz and Wesley Reid. Planned meeting February 24, 2019 after church service.

Long Range Planning Committee -Jimmy Purgeson. Future meeting to be determined.

Service Committee- Thad Scronce and James Morgan. This committee met January 27, 2019. We are wanting to collect 100 Shoeboxes this Christmas season for gifts.

Witness Committee-Danny Black. This committee met January 27, 2019 at 4:00 PM. They are planning on meeting quarterly and discussed making contact with inactive members. They also discussed putting the banner back up. Stephen's Ministry Training was discussed and handouts provided for council to review before next council meeting.

Worship Committee-Pastor Cauble and Rodney Throckmorton. Obtaining more members for the church choir was discussed and potentially recruiting local college choir members to join and contribute to our choir with possible education assistance. Choral Scholars also mentioned.

Next New Jerusalem Blood Drives are scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and January 6, 2020.

2019 Goals from Council for Committee consideration:

1. Review Active Membership by Witness Committee and attempt to contact and discuss situation with inactive members.
2. Review Cemetery bylaws.
3. Review and get online banking access on all bank accounts for the church to constantly know account balances.
4. Review Constitution bylaws.
5. Review website and our digital presence, look into getting a Church member app, and look into increasing advertising church functions on social media (example: our church member Facebook site) when possible.
6. Use Personal Contact Groups as a mean of contacting inactive members in groups of two and explore reasons for them no longer attending New Jerusalem. Council agreed unanimously to have Kristy replace names on the Contact Groups with new Church Council members.
7. Review and potentially send out mailers by council (historically Stewardship Committee) and Invite people to church to increase attendance.
8. Potentially invite the City of Hickory or County Planning Commission to come to Church Council to share the plan (vision) for this area over the next 5, 10, and 20 years.
9. Invite more youth to church and attempt to increase activities for increasing youth attendance. CVCC softball team to potentially start using the church's softball field for team practice in February. Council and Pastor to look into ways to become more active at CVCC to attempt to spread God's word to the college and get church attendance from CVCC.
10. Publish Church Council election list early next November so church members will have time to consider candidates and attempt to get a women's voice on council.

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.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

Council Meeting was ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Rodney Throckmorton, Council Vice President

Wesley Reid, Council Secretary



# Congregational Meeting Minutes

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**February 10, 2019**

A congregational meeting was held at the beginning of the worship service during the announcements section at 10:30AM on February 10, 2019 at New Jerusalem in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting was to accept the 2018 congregational reports and 2019 church yearbook.

Church Council President Ken Temple called the meeting to order and conducted the brief meeting.

Motion was made by Dennis Bollinger that the church approve the 2018 congregational reports and annual yearbook for 2019. Motion was seconded by Susanne Blume. The motion was approved by congregation by verbal vote by simple majority with all in favor of approving the 2018 congregational reports and 2019 church yearbook and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned by Church Council President Ken Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Temple, Council President

Wesley Reid, Council 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  
 21 – Spencer Floyd  
 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. 5 – 7:00 pm  
 Hostess – Kathy Lail  
 Leader – Kay Weaver

Group 3 Mar. 4 – 2:00 pm  
 Hostess – Carolyn Robinson  
 Leader – Teresa Vanderlinden

Group 4 Mar. 4 – 7:00 pm  
 Hostess – Glenda Shook  
 Leader – Sandra Bollinger

Women's Quarterly Meeting March 25  
 7:00 – Executive/7:30 Regular  
 Fellowship Hall – Hosted by Group 3

**Council Designate** Rodney Throckmorton

**Lutheran Men** Mar. 3 – 5:00 pm  
 Eddie Kanupp, Pastor Harvey Blume

Mar. 16 – 9:00 - 12:00  
 Church Grounds Workday

**Teller Committee** \*RODNEY THROCKMORTON  
 Sandra Bollinger  
 Garret Turbyfill

**Altar Committee** Glenda Shook, Chm.  
 Sandra Bollinger  
 Linda B. Lutz  
 Lisa Cook

**Pastor's Assistant** The Rev. Harvey Blume

**Pastor's Assistants w/Intinction** Chip Canupp  
 Dennis Bollinger

**Acolyte** Kate Reid

**Greeters** Betty Purgeson  
 Jan Sorrells

### Flowers in the Church

Mar. 3 WR & Connie Bumgarner  
 Mar. 11 Frankie Fulbright  
 Mar. 18 Nick & Amanda Helms  
 Mar. 25 Gerald & Evelyn Ferguson  
 Mar. 31 Cook

**Ushers** Rodney Throckmorton, Chm.  
 Dennis Weaver  
 Rusty Huffman  
 Rusty Lutz

### Tape Ministry

Mar. 3 & 10 Robert Hoyle  
 Mar. 17 & 24 B.J. Morgan

### Nursery

Mar. 3 Betty Purgeson  
 Diane Owens

Mar. 10 Rhonda Kiser  
 Perry Kiser  
 Jan Sorrells

Mar. 17 Janet Spinks  
 Julie Temple

Mar. 24 Sandra Bollinger  
 Della Lamberth

Mar. 31 Vicki Cauble  
 Jenny Brown

### Yard Maintenance & Mowing

Mar. 16 Saturday, Church Work Day

Mar. 17 Ryan Lutz  
 Dale Lutz

Mar. 24 Wayne Cashion  
 Boyd Adams

Mar. 31 Garret Turbyfill Family



# March 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 3 – White 17 – Purple 6 – Purple 24 – Purple 10 – Purple 31 – Purple					1	2
<b>3</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion 5:00 pm – Lutheran Men	<b>4</b> 2:00 pm – Women’s Group #3 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #4	<b>5</b> 1:00 pm – Quilting Group 6:30 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service of Worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 6:00 pm – Lenten Meal 7:00 pm – Lenten Service	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm – AHG (upstairs) 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 1:00 pm – Quilting Group	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 – 12:00 – AHG Father/Daughter Event Church Grounds Work Day
<b>17</b> 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Service of Holy Communion 6:00 pm – Lenten Meal 7:00 pm – Lenten Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1:00 pm – Quilting Group	<b>20</b> 11:30 am – Senior Friends 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 6:00 pm – Lenten Meal 7:00 pm – Lenten Service	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm – AHG (upstairs) Women’s Quarterly Meeting	<b>26</b> 1:00 pm – Quilting Group	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 5:00 pm – AHG Bingo at Lutherhaus	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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