



News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

March 2020

The Pastor's Pen

New treasurers are needed for the following funds, current, benevolence, and building. Our previous treasurers have completed their seven years of service and we appreciate the work that Etta Mae Bollinger (Current), Deron Bumgarner (Benevolence) and Garret Turbyfill (Building) have done for the congregation. So, I am putting out a plea for others, in the congregation, to step up and take on these most important roles and responsibilities. If you are interested in either of these positions, please pray about serving and let me know. We will be glad to talk with you about what is expected in these roles as treasurers.

Lenten worshippers are also needed. Our Lenten worship begins on Sunday evening, March 1, at 7:00 pm. Before the service of Holden Evening prayer, we will enjoy a meal together at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme this year, for the evening sermons, will be on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. For Lutherans, all of Christian living has its foundation in God's action in baptism. All that God's people are and can become and do grows out of God's gracious act of love in baptism.

Luther explains the miracle of this washing with these words: "You shall take it (baptism) as a very special grace that he should deal so kindly with you, so kindly that none could ever be more kindly. For he simply presents a man; he does not put a sword, a gun, or any kind of weapon in his hand, but simply commands him to take a little water with his bare, empty hand and say these words, 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen'"

NEEDED! TREASURERS AND WORSHIPPERS!



Sunday Evening Services During Lent 7:00 pm

- March 1 – Claimed in Holy Baptism
 - March 8 – Named in Holy Baptism
 - March 15 – Clothed in Holy Baptism
 - March 22 – Enlightened in Holy Baptism
 - March 29 – Appointed in Holy Baptism
 - April 5 – Service of Healing
- A meal precedes each service at 6:00 pm

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Maundy Thursday, April 9***
7:00 pm – Service of Holy Communion
- Good Friday, April 10***
7:00 pm – Service of Tenebrae

Easter SUNDAY

- April 12***
Sunrise Service
(begin outside near the cemetery)
6:30 am

Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 am

Sunday School
9:30 am

Festive Service of Holy Communion
10:30 am

Bible Study in March



Tuesdays – 10:00 am
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Isaiah

Bollinger/Yount Room

Thursdays – 6:30 pm
March 5, 12, 19, 26

Lenten Series taught by Vicar Taylor Rister
Fellowship Hall

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

Desserts for Youth Chicken Pie Dinner



Desserts Needed!

Desserts are needed for the Youth Chicken Pie Dinner Fundraiser. If you would like to make a dessert, please bring it (preferably in a disposable container) to the Fellowship Hall by 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Saturday, March 7. It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You



Dear Pastor Cauble
and Congregation,

I want to thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers during my brother's (Larry Smith) lengthy illness and death.

It is so comforting to be a part of such a caring and supportive church family.

In Christ,
Carolyn Robinson

NALC Lenten Devotional

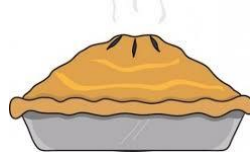


The season of Lent has typically held a special place in the life of the Church. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating in the events of Holy Week, Lent is an invitation to focus on what is central to our faith. It has also become a time for personal and spiritual reflection on who we are as God's people and on what God has given us so graciously in Christ.

The season of Lent begins next week on Ash Wednesday. As we have done in the past, the NALC is excited to provide you with this year's Lenten devotional, *A Lenten Walk Through the Word*, prepared by the Rev. Dr. David Wendel, assistant to the bishop for ministry and ecumenism. The devotional is based on daily readings from the Reading the Word of God daily reading guide prepared by the Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC), The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

For more information, go to thenalc.org/lent2020

Chicken Pie Dinner Fundraiser



to support our
Youth Mission Trip

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

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

2020 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 1	Luth. Women-Group 4	Soup/Sandwiches	Sandra Bollinger
Sun., March 8	YAM Sun. Sch. Class (Young Adult Ministry)	Chili & Cornbread	Salem Shannon
Sun., March 15	Council	Sub Sandwiches	Ken Temple
Sun., March 22	Luth. Women-Group 1	Poor Man's Supper	Jenny Morgan
Sun., March 29	Bollinger/Yount Sun. Sch. Class	Pizza & Salad	Janet Dameron
Sun., April 5 (Palm Sunday)	Inquirers Sun. Sch. Class	Spaghetti & Salad	Sandra Bollinger

Joy Mission Church

2020 Ministry-Mission Update #2 – 2/18/20

February worship attendance continues to trend ahead of last year. Our current monthly average is 31. We have welcomed six new visitors recently and hope they will worship with us regularly. Sunday school and Bible studies also continue to be well attended, with our Community Bible study welcoming new participants each week. We are planting and watering, and God is giving growth!

Our Ministry of the Month for February is seminarian support. We are compiling care-packages and notes of encouragement for our three NALC seminarians in the Carolinas Mission District/Region. Our March Ministry of the Month will be children's ministry. We will be serving a meal at Chris Myer's Children's Home, and look forward to sharing the love of Christ with these precious children and their mothers.

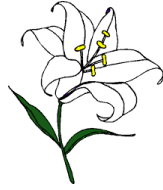
Please partner with us in April to collect supplies for NALC Disaster Response. More information will be distributed in early March. We hope that each SC NALC congregation will bring at least 10 flood buckets, hygiene kits, or school packs to the Carolinas Mission Region Convocation in May to be transported to the warehouse in Kings Mountain and/or Statesville. If you can help with the transportation, please be in touch.

Our prayer ministers continue to faithfully pray for our congregation and community. Our Senior Ministry will soon be re-tooled to include a monthly service of Holy Communion per the request of residents at Lakeside. We are looking forward to sharing the Word and Sacrament with these fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. In March, I will be serving as the chaplain at the Carolinas Mission District/Region Youth Winter Retreat at St. Christopher's. Four youth from Joy will be attending with me. The theme for the retreat is "Fear Not." We also hope to soon begin interviewing for a part-time parish administrator. We have had two very qualified applicants thus far. Mid-week Lenten worship services will begin on Ash Wednesday at Tom's Den, with a light meal each Wednesday of Lent thereafter. We will also worship at Tom's Den on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and welcome a new accompanist to assist with weekday Lent services.

We are so very grateful for God's blessings and provisions. He continues to bless us mightily each and every day! Thank you for being a part of His work through Joy! **Continue to PRAY for Joy and the mission we share!** See our website at joymission.church and like and follow up on Facebook. Thank you for your continued support in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In His Peace, Love, Hope, & Joy,
Pastor Paulette D. McHugh, Pastor of Joy Mission Church (803)767-7231

Easter Lilies



If you would like to put an Easter Lily in the church on Easter Sunday, in honor of or in memory of someone, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate, along with your money. We will be ordering lilies from Lester Lane. The pots are 6 ½", wrapped with a bow at \$13.00 each. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 29.

I want ____ (no.) lilies at \$13.00 each.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

Amt. Enclosed \$ _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Church Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2020

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

The February 2020 Church Council Meeting was held Monday, February 10, 2020. All members of Church Council were in attendance except Rodney Throckmorton. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Temple. Devotions were given by Billy Young. Rodney Throckmorton has devotions at the March meeting. The minutes for the council meeting held January 13, 2020 were approved as amended—change secretary’s name to Sandra Bollinger. Minutes from the Congregational meeting held February 9, 2020 were approved as written.

Treasurer Reports were received as information and show month end balances (Building, Youth, Women’s and Cemetery balances updated after the meeting when statements arrived):

Current: \$99,208.63	Benevolence: \$2,800.53	Youth: \$971.50	Lutheran Men: \$982.23	Phillips Fund Checking: \$11,307.36
Available: \$19,463.18	Cemetery: \$11,097.84	Women’s: \$646.00	Mauser Fund CD: \$76,444.74	Phillips Fund CD: \$22,000.00
Building: \$79,462.27	Cemetery CD: \$5,417.59			

Council Designate Report: Ken Temple reported it was a good month.

Pastor’s Report (January 2020): Pastoral Contacts – 62; including Home Visits – 15 Hospital Visits – 18 Nursing Home Visits – 5 Pastor’s Study – 7 Other – 17 Services of Worship – 4 Classes Taught – 11 Meetings – 26 Continuing Education – “Equipping the Saints” Seminar – January 25 and 26, 2020 Camping Ministry Planning Team Meeting – January 16, 2020 Carolina’s Mission District Executive Committee Meeting – January 9, 2020 Carolina’s Mission District Missions Team Meeting – January 23, 2020 Catawba Valley Luther League Planning Meeting – February 4, 2020

Congregational sympathy was extended to the family of Jane Punch. Her funeral was held in the church on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

Our committees have met in the month of January. The committee night, on January 27, was a great success. We had a great turn-out. It will be good to hear about the work of our committees this evening.

I will begin announcing the need for delegates to attend the Carolina’s Mission District Convocation to be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia, May 15 and 16, and for the NALC National Convocation to be held in Pittsburgh, PA, August 6 and 7.

Braden Southers, husband of Callie Kanupp Southers, would like to join New Jerusalem. I will begin announcing a New Member Sunday soon. We may have others who would like to join us. Thank you for all that you do!

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

Following the Pastor’s Report, **Pastor Cauble made the motion to approve Braden Southers for membership.** *The motion was unanimously approved.*

Congregational Suggestions/Concerns:

Question was raised on how to handle the rare situation when a Sunday's collection does not match envelopes. Ken Temple suggested reporting this and any future discrepancies in council minutes as a matter of record. This occurred one Sunday in January, and the difference was \$40.00. We appreciate the service of our tellers, and ask each teller to carefully ensure the written amount on the envelope matches the cash or check inside.

Announcements/Petitions and Communications:

- Request received for flier to be placed in bulletin for a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Propst VFD for Kristin Teague. Since event is this coming Saturday, consensus of the council is to notify congregation of the details by phone tree.
- Church Directory inquiries by Wayne Collie of Lifetouch (formerly Olin Mills). Pastor Cauble is to contact him to see if we can have pictures taken at the end of May or first week of June 2020. Will also request a make-up day one month later for those who may be on vacation, etc.

Old Business:

Designate Loose Offering for March: **10:30 Services:** March 1 to Joy Mission Church, March 8 to ECCCM, March 15 & 22 to National Kidney Foundation (in recognition of Pastor Cauble's kidney transplant on March 4, 1993), March 29 to St. Judes. **Lenten Coin Folders:** JOY MISSION CHURCH. **Evening Services** on February 26 (Ash Wednesday), March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 to Benevolence, April 5 (Healing Service) to Hospice, April 9 (Maundy Thursday) to Current. **Sunrise Service:** April 12 to Current. None will be taken at the Good Friday, April 10 service.

New Business:

Council's Lenten Meal is March 15. Ken Temple is Contact Person for the meal.

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

- **Cemetery Committee** (Billy Young): >Meeting was held January 27th. >Follow-up activities included resetting a sunken footstone, >training of Billy Young and Danny Black with procedures for marking off a grave site (led by John Lutz) and >continued work on cemetery bylaws. >Received a complaint about flower removal from headstones. >Another Cemetery Bylaws meeting is being planned.
- **Property Committee** (Rodney Throckmorton and Aaron Beam): >Meeting held on January 12. >Had addressed continued leak near bell tower, but feel problem has been resolved—stopped up drain. >Reflectors at driveways are now in place. >Concern voiced about coloration of water in Fellowship Hall and dirty ice.
- **Fellowship Committee** (BJ Morgan and Don Brown): >Meeting held on Monday, January 27 with 6 members present. >Overall goal is to encourage members to bring guests to our social events and church services. >Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper has been transferred to Lutheran Men. Lutheran Men's group is small in number and they're requesting additional help to assist with cooking and serving on that Wednesday, February 26. Meal is at 6:30 PM.
- **Finance/Stewardship Committee** (Keith Bullard and Deron Bumgarner): >Meeting held Tuesday, January 21. >Audit of all treasurers' books will take place on Monday, February 24 at 6:30 PM. >Committee plans to revisit online giving. >**Keith Bullard brought a motion from Finance Committee to get a church credit card for Secretary Kristy Painter to use.** The motion was seconded by Wesley Reid. Discussion included getting card through Peoples' bank, setting a \$1,000 limit, Current Treasurer to approve purchases up to \$500 and Council to approve any purchases over \$500. *The motion was approved unanimously with written rules of usage/guidelines to be provided by Finance.* >Reimbursement Form: A sample copy was provided to Council members. Directions for completion, submission of form, and approval were included. Form to be voted on at March meeting and if approved, to go into effect March 10.
- **Learning, Youth, and Family Committee** (Wesley Reid): >Meeting held Monday, January 27 with five members present. >Need more youth events to involve our youth and community youth. >Considering possibility of co-hosting VBS with another neighborhood church. >Dates for VBS to be determined.

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Considering June or July. VBS Planning Session will take place in March. >Two SLYC trips: March 13-15 [Carolinas Mission District Youth Retreat at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center in Seabrook Island, SC] and local Mission Trip July 12-17 [Staying at Valley Haven Camp]. >Try to strengthen the younger kids Sunday school classes, possibly new teachers. Send out “We missed you” cards. >Considering possibility of providing nursery during Sunday school times.

- **Long Range Planning Committee** (Jimmy Purgeson): >No meeting held.
- **Service Committee** (BJ Morgan): >Met on Monday, January 27 with 5 present. >Highlights of goals included involvement with Newton Elk’s Lodge. Had 75-80 in attendance. >Operation Christmas Child—get information out sooner. Not as many boxes this past year. >Investigate alternatives to the Samaritan’s Purse program. >Need more help for Blood Drive—to work the canteen, provide refreshments, to work the later hours (after-dark). >Investigate having youth set up tables and chairs for blood drive.
- **Witness Committee** (Randall Cauble and Ken Temple): >Met Monday, January 27 with two members and Vicar in attendance. >Considering possibility of meeting on 3rd Wednesday of each month. >Want to invite others (from other denominations/ churches) to get ideas. >Learning resources for how to witness. >More emphasis on small groups. >Try to involve college/outside activities. >Investigating interest and cost to pay college students to participate in our choir with payment going towards their college fund. To be discussed at next meeting.
- **Worship Committee** (Cindy Coulter and Sandra Bollinger): >Met Monday, January 27 with eight members present. Goals/Topics included: >Trying to obtain more choir members. >Handbell Beginner Level class. >Handbell workshop on Saturday. >Facebook & web presence—increase views. (Need release forms before using photos for any public forum.) >Highlight youth talent. >New hymn introduction—discussed different scenarios. Method to be chosen. >Continue sponsorship of Hanging of the Greens, Lenten Meal, and CROP. >Discuss methods of communion. >Spence Robertson—potential choir session. >Chicago Folk Service discussed as an (early) Winter Service for twice a month. >David Hefner is to install outside Lenten Cross. >Secretary Kristy & Pastor will create Lenten & Easter list of services (similar to what was done at Christmas). >Combine Thanksgiving Service with NALC Churches or “Community” Service—on the Sunday night prior to Thanksgiving. >Lenten Services with Pastor Cauble (no rotation) and use Holden Evening Prayer. >Discussed adding an Early Christmas Eve Service (3PM?) and maintain the standard 8PM Service with Music at 7:30. Council discussion/information: >BJ Morgan spoke about website work by Thryv. >Early Service to begin February 23 at 8:30 in Adult Assembly (no music) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Will be having year-round services with outdoor worship starting in May. >Vicar will be here Feb. 23 and new rotation for her—one week at each church then rotate to next church. We’ll see her every 4th week. Her joint evaluation is February 16th at 4PM. >Noted number of meetings and events being held at NJLC and appreciation for table set-up in Fellowship Hall. >Expressed appreciation to Mike Scipione for messages on our sign board and to Billy Young & Robert Hoyle for work in audio room.

- Next Council Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.
- Ken Temple, President Sandra Bollinger, Secretary

Council Designates by month – March – Rodney Throckmorton; April – Deron Bumgarner; May – BJ Morgan; June – Keith Bullard; July – Sandra Bollinger; August – Wesley Reid; September – Aaron Beam; October – Jimmy Purgeson; November – Cindy Coulter; December – Don Brown

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. 3 – 7:00 pm
 Hostess – Kathy Lail
 Leader – Kay Weaver

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

Group 4 Mar. 2 – 7:00 pm
 Hostess – Glenda Shook
 Leader – Sandra Bollinger

Women's Quarterly Meeting March 30
 7:00 – Executive/7:30 Regular
 Fellowship Hall – Hosted by Group 4

Council Designate Rodney Throckmorton

Lutheran Men Mar. 1 – 5:00 pm
 Wayne Cashion, Pastor Harvey Blume

Mar. 21 – 9:00 - 12:00
 Church Grounds Workday

Teller Committee Rodney Throckmorton, Chm.
 Cindy Coulter
 Garret Turbyfill

Altar Committee Jenny Morgan, Chm.
 Donna Barger
 Frankie Fulbright
 Betty Scipione

Pastor's Assistant Connie Lutz

Help with Communion 3rd Sunday Janet Dameron
 Teresa Vanderlinden

Acolyte Thomas Helms

Greeters Frankie Fulbright
 Christina Heavener

Flowers in the Church

Mar. 1 Deron Bumgarner Family
 Mar. 8 Open
 Mar. 15 Dennis & Kay Weaver
 Mar. 22 Nick & Amanda Helms
 Mar. 29 Open

Ushers Rodney Throckmorton, Chm.
 Dennis Weaver
 Rusty Huffman
 Deron Bumgarner

Tape Ministry

Mar. 1 & 8 Connie Bumgarner
 Mar. 15 & 22 Kirsten Lutz
 Mar. 29 B.J. Morgan

Nursery

Mar. 1 Kirsten Lutz
 Diane Owens

Mar. 8 Rhonda Kiser
 Perry Kiser
 Jan Sorrells

Mar. 15 Janet Spinks
 Julie Temple

Mar. 22 Sandra Bollinger
 Della Lamberth

Mar. 29 Vicki Cauble
 Jenny Brown

Yard Maintenance & Mowing

Mar. 21 Saturday, Church Workday

Mar. 22 Ryan Lutz, Dale Lutz, Danny Sorrells

Mar. 29 Wayne Cashion, Christina Heavener

Mar. 31 Garret Turbyfill Family



March 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion 5:00 pm – Lutheran Men 6:00 pm – Lenten Meal 7:00 pm – Lenten Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:00 pm – Women’s Group #3 6:00 pm – AHG (upstairs) 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #4</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilting Group 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #1</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 – Bible Study with Vicar Taylor Rister</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 – 7:00 pm – Youth Chicken Pie Dinner</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am – Early Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 6:00 pm – Lenten Meal 7:00 pm – Lenten Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilting Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 – Bible Study with Vicar Taylor Rister</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 – AHG Father/Daughter Event</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Service of Holy Communion 6:00 pm – Lenten Meal 7:00 pm – Lenten Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm – AHG (upstairs)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilting Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30 am – Senior Friends 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 – Bible Study with Vicar Taylor Rister</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Church Grounds Workday</p>
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