

BE COMPLETELY
humble
AND GENTLE; BE PATIENT,
BEARING WITH ONE
ANOTHER IN LOVE.
Ephesians 4:2

News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

September 2020

The Pastor's Pen

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONFIRMATION, AND BIBLE STUDY

Several of our Sunday School classes are looking to start back up on Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 am. Please let us know of your interest to participate by attending or teaching. We will probably combine several of our adult classes and meet in the Sanctuary where we can socially distance. Our children's and youth classes will need to find a place that is suitable to meet during the current pandemic. Let us pray that we will find such a place that will be safe and conducive to learning the Bible. Again, we encourage your participation but only if you feel comfortable doing so. The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) class is currently meeting in the Fellowship Hall and is open to everyone!

Confirmation will start back on Thursday, September 3 from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm. We will meet every Thursday evening until our new Confirmation date, Reformation Sunday, October 25. We will meet outside under the drive-thru on the cemetery side of the church. Our days for meeting will be September 3, 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22. We will be reviewing the basics of the Lutheran Faith. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us for these classes. We will have a practice for the Confirmation service at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 24.

Bible Study will start back on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am and Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm, September 15. Both classes will meet in the

Fellowship Hall where we can spread out and socially distance.

I hope that these days and times will be suitable for everyone involved, especially for Confirmation and Bible Study. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

God's blessings to you all!
Pastor Cauble

Early Services in September



September 6

Service of Holy Communion
8:30 am – Sanctuary
(masks required)

September 13

Service of Holy Communion
8:30 am – Outdoor Chapel
(masks encouraged but not required)

September 20

Service of Holy Communion
8:30 am – Sanctuary
(masks required)

September 27

Service of Holy Communion
8:30 am – Outdoor Chapel
(masks encouraged but not required)

Bible Study in September



Tuesday mornings – 10:00 am
September 15, 22, 29
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday evenings – 6:30 pm
September 15, 22, 29
Fellowship Hall

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

From the Piece Makers



Our Quilting Committee would once again like to thank you "sew" much for your donations to our committee. We have made well over 500 masks for church members, family members, and for those in the community. We continue to add to the "Mask Table" as masks are made. We also have experimented with several different styles.

We are continuing to make quilts as well. We have completed around twenty since we started back to meeting in May. We'd like to thank Diane Owens for her generous donation of two beautiful quilts. "Sew on and sew forth!"

The Piece Makers

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 pm. We will prepare a proposed budget for 2021. All members of this committee and the new treasurers for 2021 should attend. Any member of the church can also attend.

Lutheran World Relief



LWR Updates: School Kits and Quilts

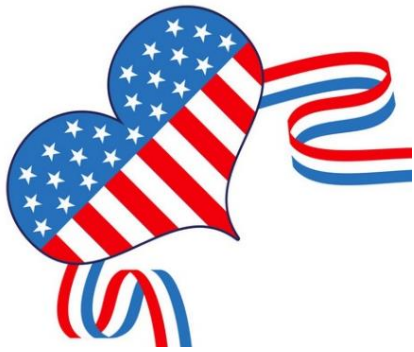
We recently received notice that due to the virus and our "new normal" the decision has been made to **postpone** the collection of all **Lutheran World Relief** items **for this year**. If the consolidated shipment from our area is **LESS THAN 15,000 pounds** LWR will not pay for the shipping. It was felt that many churches and individuals haven't been able to collect or make the kits and quilts and we'd be unable to meet the necessary weight to avoid paying the shipping costs.

It is recognized the need is still there so Rachel Price, NC Synod Coordinator for LWR, is making a suggestion of monetary donations since it's not too feasible to send items right now. You may mail donations directly to Lutheran World Relief, P. O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061, or online at lwr.org, or make your donation directly to New Jerusalem Lutheran Women (NJLW) and **on memo line put LWR**. Checks may be given directly to NJLW Treasurer Sandra Bollinger or placed in the offering plate. We will then mail a combined donation check to the organization. **We will accept donations through September 30, 2020.**

Rachel also shared in her letter about the explosion a few weeks ago in Beirut. There were 168 killed, 5,000 injured and 300,000 left homeless. It was caused by a fire that set off the massive explosion of 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate stored in a warehouse. LWR stating that they had three 40-foot-long containers at the port. The value is \$624,000. There were 47,000 items in the containers including 22,000 quilts, 100 cartons of school kits, 300 cartons of Personal Care kits and 125 cartons of Baby kits all lost in the explosion. As you can see, your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

New Jerusalem Lutheran Women



Attention Veterans:

On April 26, 2020 a special celebration was planned for our Veterans here at New Jerusalem. Because of the pandemic, these plans had to be changed. Since our final quilts have just been returned from the Catawba Valley Quilters Guild (they were not meeting either), we are ready for you to receive your Quilt of Valor. Currently the Piece Makers plan on you receiving your quilt in the month of September.

Veterans, you or your contact person will be receiving a letter in the coming week outlining our plans. Basically, we hope to have Pastor Cauble bless the Quilts of Valor on Sunday, September 6 and make them available following service for pick-up or at a later day in September. If you are not in attendance or uncomfortable getting out in public, a designated family member or friend may pick up your quilt here at the church and bring it to you. Normal office hours are 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Monday through Friday, but you may contact the church office to schedule a different time. Another choice is to let member(s) of the Piece Makers deliver the quilt to you. You must contact the church office if you wish for us to deliver to you. We will then contact you and “set a date and time” for delivery. For those that come by the church for pick-up, the quilts have been placed in the Adult Assembly Room. There is a sign-out sheet you will need to complete when you do the pick-up.

Veterans, we appreciate your service and regret that our plans had to be changed. This quilt brings you a three-part message from our hearts. First, we honor you for your service. Next, our quilters know that freedom is not free. The cost of our freedom is the dedication of lives of men and women like you, and this quilt is meant to say Thank You for your sacrifice. And finally, this quilt is meant to offer comfort to you, and to remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in all of our thoughts and our hearts.

Forever Grateful,

The Piece Makers
(Quilting Committee)

Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2020

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

The August 2020 Church Council Meeting was held August 10, 2020. All members of Church Council were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Temple. Wesley Reid led devotions. Ken Temple has devotions in September 2020. Sandra Bollinger stated that she had no issues to report as Council Designate in July. She expressed thanks to her husband, Dennis, for his help. The minutes for the council meeting held July 13, 2020 were approved as written.

Treasurer Reports were received as information and show month end balances:

Current: \$96,122.50	Benevolence: \$19,357.62	Youth: \$2,536.35	Lutheran Men: \$1,100.43	Phillips Fund Checking: \$11,318.15
Available: \$23,089.63	Cemetery: \$11,351.15	Women's: \$627.00	Mauser Fund CD: \$76,444.74	Phillips Fund CD: \$22,000.00
Building: \$83,852.27	Cemetery CD: \$5,417.59			

Pastor's Report, July 2020:

Pastoral Contacts – 70; including – Phone Calls – 52
Home Visits – 14
Pastor's Study – 4

Services of Worship – 8
Meetings – 3

Our Services of Worship continue to go well, and our giving continues to be healthy. I appreciate everyone's help during July.

I am looking forward to starting back our two Bible Studies on Tuesday morning and Thursday evening. We will begin those in September. I plan on meeting in the fellowship hall where we can spread out. Possibly, an adult Sunday School class can begin to meet down here on Sunday mornings.

As this unprecedented year moves along, we need to prepare for the busy-ness of the Fall and the upcoming Holiday season. I hope we will be able to do the "normal" things we are used to doing at New Jerusalem. However, we may have to rethink some of our yearly events.

I will be taking a week of vacation August 24-31. I will see if one of our local pastors will be on standby for me. Mr. Robert Crawford, a recent seminary graduate from Salisbury, NC, will be preaching and leading worship on Sunday, August 30. We will only have the 10:30 am Service of Worship on that Sunday.

Again, thank you for all that you continue to do!

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

Pastor Cauble also reported that Vicar Taylor Rister will be ordained tomorrow, August 11, in Newberry, SC at Mayer Lutheran Church. She has been called to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fresno, CA.

Additionally, Pastor Cauble would like to thank Dennis Bollinger and Wesley Reid for their participation in the NALC District Meeting and National Convocation. Dennis was elected to the Executive Committee of the Carolinas Mission Region. During the National Convocation, Bishop Selbo presented 10 goals for the church over the next 5 years. Pastor Cauble plans to share these with the congregation.

Congregational Suggestions/Concerns:

- Resuming Bible studies and Sunday School classes
 - The first Sunday after Labor Day (September 13) we will hold a Sunday School kickoff and installation of teachers at 9:30 am.

Announcements/Petitions and Communications

- ECCCM – Thank you for your donation of 40 pounds of food during the month of May. Our dates to volunteer are August 25 and September 22.
- Lutheran Services Carolinas – Requesting prayer and donations for disaster relief following Hurricane Isaias.

Old Business:

- Carillon
 - Carillon demonstrations will be held Tuesday, August 11 and Sunday, August 16. Council is asked to attend so we can make a decision at the September meeting.
- Gift for Vicar Taylor
 - **Sandra Bollinger made a motion to give a gift of \$250 for Vicar Taylor (Rister) Stempniak from the Current Fund.** Deron Bumgarner seconded the motion. *The motion passed by a unanimous vote.* The gift will be announced during the 8:30 am service Sunday, August 16 and presented during the 10:30 am service.
- Council Flowers (September 27)
 - Council members are asked to give Sandra Bollinger \$5 by next month.
 - Flowers will be delivered to people following the service September 27.

New Business:

- Designate loose offering
 - August 16, 23, 30 and September 13 – NALC Disaster Relief Fund. **Keith Bullard made a motion to match loose offering donations (up to \$500.00) from the Benevolence Fund.** Jimmy Purgeson seconded the motion. *The motion carried by a unanimous vote.*
 - September 6 – Joy Mission Church
- Adult Assembly Room copy machine contract renewal
 - Council decided to renew the contract with Xerox for the copy machine in the Adult Assembly Room.
- Use of Fellowship Hall during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - According to Governor Cooper's orders, indoor gatherings of more than 25 people are not allowed. The current order will expire September 11 but may be extended.
 - For non-church related functions, the Fellowship Hall is closed until a new Governor's Executive Order allows.

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- Election
 - Are we responsible for the cleaning of the Fellowship Hall before and after the election?
 - Don Brown contacted the board of elections and reports they will have a fogging machine clean the area before and after voting. There are no cleaning or setup actions required by NJLC.

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

Cemetery Committee (Billy Young)

- Billy will meet with Kristy to get the draft typed for the new bylaws to be approved.

Property Committee (Rodney Throckmorton)

- Ice Maker is broken
 - Benfield Mechanical is coming to fix the ice maker this week. It is still under warranty.
- One of the hand sanitizer dispensers is no longer working. Rodney will look into it.
- A motion light is flickering and needs to be replaced. Rodney will take the request to the Property Committee.
- The overhead vinyl is loose as you start up the ramp on the cemetery side of the Fellowship Hall.
- Several members reported the smell of natural gas in the parking lot. Don Brown called Piedmont Natural Gas, and at least two different locations were fixed. Lightning had run in on the locating wire and melted pinholes in the plastic piping. The curb will be repaired (date unknown at this time) with all costs covered by PNG.

Fellowship Committee (BJ Morgan and Don Brown) – No report.

Finance/Stewardship Committee (Keith Bullard and Deron Bumgarner)

- New budget to be made
 - A time will be scheduled in mid-September to work on the budget in the Fellowship Hall.
 - Pastor Cauble shared the recommended guidelines from the NALC for NALC Benevolence Fund (5-7% of the Current Fund Budget) and the Carolinas Mission Region (\$999).
 - Currently, our budget for the NALC Benevolence Fund is \$10,000 (about 5%) and \$660 for the Carolinas Mission Region.
- New Treasurers
 - Ken will call Alan Bolch (Current), Danny Black (Benevolence), and Billy Young (Building) to discuss their possible roles as treasurers.
 - Alan, Danny, Ken, Etta Mae, and Kristy met once and are to meet again Thursday, August 20.
 - New treasurers may begin as early as October 1 with the latest start date being the beginning of 2021.
- Tellers
 - The Executive Members of Council are no longer serving as Tellers.
 - The tellers listed in the yearbook have begun counting the offering as of Sunday, August 2.

Learning, Youth, and Family Committee (Wesley Reid)

- Meeting this Sunday (August 16) immediately following the service.

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Long Range Planning Committee (Jimmy Purgeson) – No report.

Service Committee (BJ Morgan) –

- Mission Stimulus money
 - BJ is meeting with the Veterans Committee at the Elks Lodge this Thursday, August 13.
 - The Piece Makers are donating a patriotic quilt for the auction with a starting bid of \$200.
 - The mission stimulus money (\$160) plus the money received for the quilt will be given toward the purchase of washing machines and dryers to be placed in homes for homeless veterans.
 - BJ will take pictures and write the required report for the Carolinas Mission Region.
- Blood Drive
 - Will ask the American Red Cross about using a mobile unit instead of using the Fellowship Hall for the next blood drive.
 - Possibly move the date to a Saturday morning in the future.

Witness Committee (Randall Cauble and Ken Temple) –

- Planning to follow up with people who watch the worship service on Facebook and YouTube.

Worship Committee (Cindy Coulter and Sandra Bollinger)

- Will meet before the next Council meeting to plan for the fall.
- Planning how to do some of our normal services and activities safely (e.g. the Low Country Boil possibly moved outside with tables spaced out)
- Use of pre-filled cups with wafers for Communion at the outdoor services has been well-received.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, September 14, 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 – August – Wesley Reid; September – Ken Temple; October – Jimmy Purgeson; November – Cindy Coulter; December – Don Brown

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, Rachel Barba
- 14 – David Hefner
- 15 – Melissa Stamey, Robin Hutchins
- 16 – Billy Young, Jerry Settlemyre
- 17 – Scott Lael, Judy Evans
- 18 – Margaret Alice Rader
- 19 – Patty Shull, Pastor Cauble, Allen Cook,
Abbey Kate Floyd
- 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

Helpers w/Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

Christina Heavener

Flowers in the Church

September 6

Connie Bumgarner

September 13

Open

September 20

Janet Spinks

September 27

Church Council

Ushers

Deron Bumgarner, Chm.

Nick Helms

Keith Bullard

Wayne Cashion

Tape Ministry

Sept. 6

Kirsten Lutz

Sept. 13

BJ Morgan

Sept. 20

BJ Morgan

Sept. 27

Connie Bumgarner

Yard Maintenance & Mowing

Sept. 6

John Lutz, Justin Shannon,

Richard Dameron

Sept. 13

Danny & Ryan Black

Sept. 20

Rusty Huffman Family

Sept. 27

Jack Robinson

Thank You for Serving in September

Council Designate

Ken Temple

Teller Committee

*Keith Bullard
Garret Turbyfill
Robert Hoyle

Altar Committee

Betty Scipione, Chm.
Donna Barger
Dana Hoyle
Glenda Shook



September 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 6-Green 13-Green 20-Green 27-Green		1 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Piece Makers 6:30 pm – Bible Study	2	3 5:30 pm – Confirmation Class	4	5
6 8:30 am – Early Service 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	7 ** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED **	8 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Piece Makers 6:30 pm – Bible Study	9	10 5:30 pm – Confirmation Class	11	12
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