



# News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

May 2021

## The Pastor's Pen

### Day Camp

Day camp is coming to New Jerusalem the week of June 28 – July 2. This camp will be for youth rising K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please invite your friends and relatives to come to this exciting event! You can look forward to plenty of games, songs, and surprises as we grow in our Christian faith. Our young people sorely need this type of experience especially after the past year of covid lockdowns and cancellations. The camp will be staffed by five college age young people. We are looking for 30 to 35 youth to be campers at the camp. Get your registration forms in by June 1. A registration form is in the newsletter and will be available at the church in the Gathering Room. The camp will actually begin on Sunday, June 27 with an ice cream social, meet and greet the counselors, etc. at 4:00 pm in the New Jerusalem Fellowship Hall. On Monday through Friday, the camp will begin at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. On Thursday evening, July 1, at 5:30 pm there will be a cookout for all campers, counselors, and family members. The campers will have the opportunity to exhibit some of what they have learned throughout the week. The camp will end at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 2. **GET YOUR FORM IN SOON! THE DEADLINE IS JUNE 1. SEE YOU AT DAY CAMP!**

Pastor Cauble

## Schedule for May Worship



### May 2

10:30 am Service of Holy Communion  
(masks required)

### May 9

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion  
(Outdoor Chapel)  
10:30 am Service of Worship  
(masks optional)

### May 16

10:30 am Service of Worship  
(masks required)

### May 23

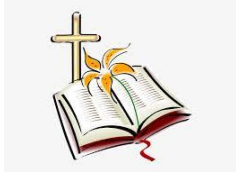
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(Outdoor Chapel)  
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(masks optional)

### May 30

10:30 am Service of Worship  
(masks required)

The first outdoor chapel service of the year begins on May 9 at 8:30 am. we will meet (weather permitting) each second and fourth Sundays of the month through October. If the weather does not permit us to worship outside, we will worship in the sanctuary. invite your friends and neighbors to come and worship with us.

### *Bible Study in May*



**Tuesdays – 10:00 am**

Romans

May 4, 11, and 18

(May 18 will be our last Tuesday morning study until September)

**Thursdays – 6:00 pm**

The Small Catechism

May 6 and 13

(May 13 will be our last Thursday evening study until September)

### NJLC Women's Group #4



Women's Group #4 will be meeting on Monday, May 3 at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Sandra will serve as Leader & Hostess.

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### Letter of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

The outpouring of your love for Dennis and our family was so evident in all the cards, gifts, memorials, and food we received. Thank you to all who reached out to me with your condolences and expressions of concern. You have been a tremendous blessing to me as I have experienced this loss.

In Christ, our Risen Savior,  
Leslie Benfield

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the calls, prayers, cards, texts, and messages during the recovery from my surgery. I am blessed to have such a loving church family.

With Love,  
Paulette Abernethy

A heartfelt "Thank You" to my New Jerusalem family for your prayers, cards, and thoughtful meals provided during my surgery and recovery. Your thoughts and prayers have been felt and the meals were delicious and greatly appreciated. I have missed you all so very much and cannot wait to worship with you again soon!

Love in Christ,  
Jenny Morgan and Family

## Family Fishing Outing



The annual Family Fishing Outing will be at Carolyn Robinson's today at 3:00 pm. Bring yourself and your kids for a fun afternoon. We will have refreshments and drinks. Sponsored by Lutheran Men.

## Offering



Please continue to support our congregation through your tithes and offerings. There are four ways you may continue to support the church financially:

1. You may mail your offering to:  
New Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
2120 Startown Rd.  
Hickory, NC 28602
2. Leave your envelope in the black box outside the church office.
3. Bring your offering envelope to the church office from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.
4. Donate online through PayPal. There is a link on the church website – [www.njlchickory.com](http://www.njlchickory.com).

## Outdoor Chapel Workday



**Come and  
Join Us!**

A workday at the Outdoor Chapel will be held Saturday, May 22, at 9:00 am. Please come help make this area beautiful for our outdoor worship services!

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## ECCCM Volunteers



ECCCM designates days for members of each of their supporting churches to volunteer. New Jerusalem's upcoming designated days Tuesday, May 25 and Tuesday, June 22. ECCCM's hours of operation are 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Volunteer opportunities include bagging food for distribution, stocking shelves, filling client orders at the drive-through door, and sorting donations. They would like to have multiple members to volunteer. Please contact Allen Sherrill if you have any questions. Phone: (828)465-1702 Email: [a.sherrill@ecccm.org](mailto:a.sherrill@ecccm.org).

## Blood Drive

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



There will be a blood drive Monday, July 19 from 2:30 – 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please donate if you are able.

## Camping and Retreat Center Survey



In an effort to establish a new church camp and retreat center in the Carolinas, we ask that you please fill out the survey on the following page (one per household). It only takes a few minutes to complete. Please return the survey to the church office by Sunday, May 9. You can mail it, bring it by, or email it back to Kristy at [secretary@njlchickory.com](mailto:secretary@njlchickory.com).

CAMPING AND RETREAT CENTER CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

**PARTICIPANT FORM**  
**Camp Usage by household**

Usage by age group	0-12	Middle School	High School	19-39	40-59	Over 60
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Times per year:

1 week retreat

3-day retreat

2-day retreat

1-day program


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Distance from home:

Up to 50 miles

50 - 100 miles

100 - 150 miles

Over 150 miles


Usage of camping facilities (if available)

Times per year:      1-2      3-4      5 or more

Primitive

Hookup


Willing to contribute financially (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals willing to participate in on-site development: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants in this household: \_\_\_\_\_

# Day Camp Participant Registration Form

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Day Camp is coming to New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, the week of June 28 – July 2, 2021.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed by June 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

The total cost of the camp is \$100.00. Scholarships are available if needed. Please speak with your pastor or youth leader.

Your spot is not reserved until you have made a \$50.00 deposit (or spoken with your pastor or youth leader about the situation). Please return this form with a \$50.00 deposit or the total payment of \$100.00 to:

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
Attn: Kristy Painter, Day Camp Coordinator  
2120 Startown Rd.  
Hickory, NC 28602

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

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The April 2021 Church Council Meeting was held April 12, 2021. All members of Church Council were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Temple, who also held devotions. BJ Morgan has devotions in May 2021. Cindy Coulter stated that she had nothing to report as Council Designate in March. She thanked Sandra Bollinger, Dennis Bollinger, and Robert Hoyle for filling in during the Lenten services. She also thanked the tellers for their help in March.

The minutes for the council meeting held March 8, 2021 were approved as presented.

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

Current: \$93,951.36	Benevolence: \$6,937.91	Youth: \$2,536.35	Lutheran Men: \$665.43	Phillips Fund Checking: \$11,330.57
Available: \$22,510.23	Cemetery: \$11,353.26	Women's: \$499.25	Mauser Fund CD: \$79,826.32	Phillips Fund CD: \$22,000.00
Building: \$137,444.51	Cemetery CD: \$5,486.40			

## **Pastor's Report (March 2021):**

Pastoral Contacts – 87; including – Home Visits – 11  
Phone Calls – 60  
Pastor's Study – 12  
Other – 4

Services of Worship – 7

Meetings – 10

Classes taught – 6

Service of Christian Burial for Dennis Allen Benfield – April 3, 2021

Congregational sympathy is extended to Leslie Benfield and family as the Service of Christian Burial for Dennis Allen Benfield was conducted at New Jerusalem on April 3, 2021.

My appreciation is extended to everyone who helped prepare our church for Easter. We had a large turnout for the workday on March 20. Also, much work was done in preparing the sanctuary for the different Holy Week and Easter Services. Thank you to the congregation for their hard work during this time of year. There is always much to be done. Our Easter Services were great! I saw people I have not seen in a year or more. It was great to see them.

The ecumenical Lenten Evening Services went well. Of course, I would have liked to have seen more people attend. Our Bible Studies continue to go well. We have around nine people who attend the morning study on Romans, with five folks from St. Martin's in Maiden joining in and four of us from New Jerusalem. The evening study on the Small Catechism draws around eight people all from New Jerusalem.

The Strategic Planning Committee is continuing its work. We had a meeting on March 18. The next meeting will take place on April 15. Day Camp here at New Jerusalem seems to be a go for this summer. We have secured the necessary number of counselors needed. Thank you for all that you continue to do!

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

## **Congregational Suggestions/Concerns: None**

## **Announcements/Petitions and Communications**

- NALS – Thank you for your generous gift of \$585.00.
- ECCCM – Reminder that New Jerusalem is signed up to volunteer April 26, May 25, and June 22.
- Salvation Army – Thank you for your generous gift of \$878.00.

## **Old Business:**

- Blood Drive
  - The American Red Cross requested the following dates to hold a blood drive at New Jerusalem: Monday, July 19 and Monday, October 4, 2021. Council approved.
  - The Red Cross would like to have a host or hostess from the church again in the future.

## **New Business:**

- Designate loose offering:
  - May 9 – Pregnancy Care Center
  - May 16 – World Hunger (Lutheran World Relief)
  - May 23 – Corner Table
  - May 30 – Veterans Center at CVCC
- Night Deposit Agreement:
  - Etta Mae Bollinger and Wayne Cashion are the only signatures on the Night Deposit paperwork at People's Bank. The bank requested an updated list.
  - Council recommended adding Alan Bolch, Danny Black, Billy Young, and Kristy Painter to the new agreement and removing Etta Mae and Wayne.
- Style of Service beginning April 18, 2021
  - Services will remain the same until the next Council meeting in May when Council will review.
    - Masks will be required on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Masks will be optional on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
    - Communion will be offered on 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
  - Early services will begin the second Sunday in May.

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

### Cemetery Committee (Dennis Bollinger/Billy Young)

- Met March 28, 2021 after the 10:30 service to learn how to open and close the niches in the columbarium. All members were present.
- John Lutz & Billy Young opened and closed the niche for Dennis Benfield's funeral. The niche plaque still needs to be ordered.

### Property Committee (Salem Shannon) –

- Parsonage Rental Agreement
  - There is no clause in the parsonage rental agreement about inspections. Instead, a deposit in the amount of the first month's rent was made that covers any damage.
  - There is a clause about not putting holes in walls.
- Parking lot
  - The Property Committee is gathering quotes for getting cracks filled in the parking lot.
  - They are open to suggestions if anyone in the congregation has recommendations.
  - Other options include getting the parking lot resurfaced (this option is cheaper, but it would not last as long) or getting it completely redone.

- **The Property Committee made a motion to have Clay Evans remove a tree, remove the stump from the fallen tree near the sign at the front of the church, and do some other work that needs to be done on the grounds of the parsonage with the money to be used from the Building Fund.** Garret Turbyfill seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
- Lawn maintenance and mowing
  - No one has committed to mowing the ball field. John Lutz has been doing it alone.
  - A suggestion was made that whoever mows the church, mows the ball field that week.
  - The smallest John Deere mower will not start.

Fellowship Committee (to be filled) – No meeting.

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Alan Bolch)

- Quickbooks Update –
  - A credit was given for the previous online account that was created.
  - Alan thinks we may get the promotional rate of \$35/month for the first year, but he is not confident after the last experience with Intuit’s customer service representative.
  - For the first year, Alan may use the manual bookkeeping process for the part of the year and the online process for part of the year since the church fiscal year does not align with calendar year.
- In order to help the Tellers, new tabulation sheets and other sheets showing the accounts in which various contributions should be deposited have been placed in the counting room.

Learning, Youth, and Family Committee (Wesley Reid)

- The committee is planning to meet next Tuesday night, April 20, to start helping plan the Carolinas Mission Region Day Camp to be held at New Jerusalem and to plan VBS for this year.

Long Range Planning/Strategic Planning Committee (Keith Bullard) – No update.

Service Committee (BJ Morgan)

- The \$160 mission stimulus given by the NALC was used to help an Army veteran who needed a permanent handicap ramp installed. BJ will get photos and write report in a few weeks.

Witness Committee (Randall Cauble and Ken Temple)

- Congo Mission
  - Pastor Cauble distributed a brochure with information about this mission that is led by two Lutheran pastors – Pastor Stephane Kalonji and Pastor David Nuottila.
  - **Pastor Cauble made motion to receive a special offering for Congo Mission International the first two weeks in May with a match of up to \$500 from the Benevolence Fund.** Dennis Bollinger seconded the motion. *Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Worship Committee (Cindy Coulter and Sandra Bollinger)

- There was no meeting this month, but it was stated that it was nice to hear the choir and handbells again on Easter Sunday.

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 10, 2021 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 – January – Billy Young; February – Salem Shannon; March – Cindy Coulter; April – Ken Temple; May – James Morgan; June – Keith Bullard; July – Sandra Bollinger; August – Garret Turbyfill; September – Dennis Bollinger; October – Wesley Reid; November – Alan Bolch; December – Don Brown



## May Birthdays

2 – Libby Mauney, Ray Teague, Barbara Hamrick  
3 – David Rhodes, Joyce Buffington  
5 – Linda Wingler  
7 – Jimmy Preslar  
9 – Wesley Cline  
10 – Connie Bumgarner  
12 – George Whitener, Jeff Seitz, Alan Bolch,  
Quinton Mitchell  
15 – Lee Bumgarner  
16 – Michael Seitz, Harvey Blume  
17 – Pat Bolch  
18 – Camellia Barger  
20 – Brianna Cook, Kate Reid  
21 – Margot Canupp  
23 – Jamie Wright  
24 – Betty Orovitz  
26 – B.J. Morgan  
27 – Deron Bumgarner, Corbyn Spurrier, Janet  
Dameron  
29 – Alex McNeely  
30 – Abbey Lutz  
31 – Thad Scronce

## Thank You for Serving in May

### Lutheran Men

Family Fishing Outing      Sunday, May 2 – 3:00 pm  
Carolyn Robinson's Pond

### Lutheran Women

Group # 4      Monday, May 3 - 7:00 pm  
Hostess and Leader: Sandra Bollinger

**Council Designate**      BJ Morgan

**Teller Committee**      \*James Morgan  
John Lutz  
Donald Barger, Jr.

**Altar Committee**      Dana Hoyle, Chm.  
Lisa Cook  
Karen Teague  
Julie Temple

**Pastor's Assistant**      Janet Dameron

## Flowers in the Church

May 2      Wayne Cashion  
May 9      New Jerusalem Lutheran Women  
May 16      Open  
May 23      Jennifer Bumgarner  
May 30      Open

## Ushers

Danny Black, Chm.  
Luke Cauble  
Jacob Cauble  
Robert Hoyle

## Tape Ministry

May 2      Connie Bumgarner  
May 9      Kirsten Lutz  
May 16      Kirsten Lutz  
May 23      BJ Morgan  
May 30      BJ Morgan

## Yard Maintenance & Mowing

May 2      BJ and Izaiah Morgan  
May 9      Robert Hoyle Family, Wesley Reid  
May 16      Dennis and Shay Bollinger  
May 23      WR Bumgarner and Ken Temple  
May 30      Don Barger Family



# May 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Service of Holy Communion 3:00 – Lutheran Men Family Fishing Event	3 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #4	4 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters	5 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir	6 6:00 pm – Bible Study	7	8
9 <b>Mother’s Day</b> 8:30 am – Service of Holy Communion (Outdoor Chapel) 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	10 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	11 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters	12 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir	13 6:00 pm – Bible Study	14	15
16 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	17	18 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters	19 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir	20	21	22 8:30 am – Workday at the Outdoor Chapel
23 <b>Pentecost Day</b> 8:30 am – Service of Holy Communion (Outdoor Chapel) 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	24	25 1:00 pm – Quilters	26 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir	27	28	29
30 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	31			<b>Paraments</b> 2 – White 9 – White 16 – White 23 – Red 30 – White		