



# New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

**Our Mission:** Responding to God's grace, we are a welcoming congregation growing in Christian faith through worship, learning, serving and fellowship.

**Our Vision:** New Jerusalem Lutheran Church is a compassionate community of disciples that values everyone and expresses faith by connecting with God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and all creation.



### The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost - August 26, 2018 - Worship at 10 a.m.

#### TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY 08/26/2018

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18      2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph 6:10-20  
Psalm: 34:15-22      Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

#### You're Invited:

Today Jesus invites us to a meal. It is an extraordinary invitation to do an ordinary thing: form bonds of love and community through shared food and drink. Like Wisdom inviting us to the feast of insight (Prov. 9:1-6), Jesus' invitation to share in the meal of his body and blood teaches us about the breadth and depth of God's love and about God's desire for us to abide in that love (John 6:56).



Jesus' audience asks a reasonable question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus' answer doesn't really address the question; instead, he reiterates that he is the true bread from heaven, the true source of eternal life. This must have been off-putting to his listeners. Eat flesh? Drink blood? And yet, here we find a profoundly grace-filled invitation—abide in me—and a promise: through this meal I abide in you. We are invited to not only join Jesus at the table, but to be at home in the love of God, knowing that Christ makes his home in our hearts and lives too. So come: eat, and get to know God.

#### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR NATION:



Lori Magnusson, Bob Godec, Lt. Kawika Chang, Major Andrew Zapf, Major Mack Brownell, Capt. Gretchen Day, Capt. Christopher Day, Christopher Lentz, Ryan Lemp and Blake Traina.

#### PRAYERS OF HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS:

Nancy Poland Nicholas (*Judy Fox's friend*), Gavin Whipple (*Warren & Sherry Whipple's grandson*); Jean Karmen (*NJLC member and Sarah Stillman's sister*); Aiden; Bernie & Nancy Orndorff (*members of NJLC*); Thomas Hannon (*Jim Hannon*); Cheryl Fleming (*friend of the Chatfield Family*); Carol Francis & family (*Linda Heffern's friend*); Stacey Zimmerlee (*Rick Norgaard's cousin*); Shirley Debow (*member of NJLC*); Rob Freeman (*Ass't. in Minisrty at NJLC 1999-2006*); Joyce (Miller) Goodson, Cathy (*Smith*) Bolinger and Pat Mascaro (*Judy Fox's friend*); Peggy Steadman (*Richard & Jeanie Sullivan's daughter*); Travis Rook (*Clarice Dieter's nephew*); John Lamm (*Barbara Lamm's son*); Joyce Norris Miller (*Barbara Tritapoe's cousin*); Bob & Keith Keister (*Mack Keister's brothers*); Mildred Kulak, (*Gary Kulak's mother*); Daria Dodle (*Clarice Dieter's neighbor*). \*Names in brackets indicate the person requesting the prayers. Please keep Eva in the church office informed of those for whom we pray and who can be removed.

#### A SPECIAL BLESSING: Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

It's was the beginning of the new school year this past week, so it's an appropriate time to acknowledge those who are students and also those who are teachers. We will have a special blessing for all STUDENTS (from pre-school through adults) as well as

anyone who is a TEACHER at the 10 AM Worship Service on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

We ask all parents to talk with your child and encourage him/her to bring something to church on August 26<sup>th</sup> that represents what it means to them to be a student – for example, a backpack, or a special book, or a special tool like a calculator or iPad that he/she may use in the classroom – anything that is a tangible symbol of what it means to be a student, and we'll bless those objects as well. We hope everyone will join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year with this blessing. Then we invite everyone to join in a church-wide picnic, sponsored by the men of NJLC following the morning worship service.

#### PICNIC & BBQ: Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

NJLC's picnic is sponsored by the men of the church. The festivities will begin immediately following our worship service. Everything will be provided for you.



**Come & enjoy good food & friends!**

**UPDATE ON PASTOR KRISTA VINGELIS' VISIT:** (Pastoral Candidate) After further conversations with the ELCA Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod, the August 26 date for Pastor Krista Vingelis to participate in worship will change to an introduction during the church service and an opportunity to "meet and greet" at the church picnic. She will not preside at or preach during this service.

Then, on Sunday, September 16, Pastor Krista will preach and preside at the 10:00 a.m. service, followed by a special meeting of the congregation to vote on whether or not to call the candidate as NJLC's pastor.

Let us all join in welcoming Pastor Krista to our August 26 Sunday service and the picnic following the service. We then look forward to having her preside and preach at the service on September 16, 2018.

#### TAKING FAITH HOME: August 26, 2018.

**The Whole Armor of God:** The word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Other articles of the armor of God are **truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and readiness to proclaim the gospel of peace**. Together, these enable you to stand firm against the enemies of God. Read Ephesians 6:10-20 and the Service and Rituals/Traditions sections of the bulletin insert. Discuss with your family how God protects us.

#### ALL NEWCOMERS:

Newcomers are always welcome at New Jerusalem and we love having visitors. But for those who would like to officially join our church family and become a formal member of this congregation, please contact Linda Heffern at 540-822-4033 if you are interested in joining.

Sermon on the Amount		Attendance 95	
Received 8/19/2018	\$ 3,290	Received 2018 YTD	\$ 101,087
Needed Weekly	\$ 3,458	Budgeted for 2018	\$ 193,000
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (168)	Projected Year End	\$ 159,288



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**LET'S DO THIS WORK TOGETHER!**

**Sunday, September 9th**

**"God's work. Our hands."** Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) –one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: *that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.* You work every day to make your community a better place.

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**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS BUFFET:** September 9th

The Hospitality Committee will need some helping hands setting up for the luncheon, providing an item for the buffet and cleaning up afterwards. There are three signup sheets on the table in fellowship for your use: 1) A volunteer sheet to help with set up and/or clean up; 2) An attendance sheet for you to indicate if you will be coming to the buffet and how many people will be in your party; and 3) A sheet indicating if you will be bringing something for the buffet. On this sheet sign under the menu item of your choice and on the line below your name indicate (in general terms) what you are planning to bring. Please note we will only need 6 people to bring rolls.

**SENIOR FITNESS:**

Classes will begin again on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 10:15 AM in the education building. You may enter from the lower parking lot behind the building. Keep your body strong, balanced and more flexible by moving to music with exercise tailored to your ability. For additional information, please contact Linda Heffern at 540-822-4033 or at [lindaheffern@aol.com](mailto:lindaheffern@aol.com).

**NJLC's WELCA: SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE:** Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>



There are still seats available for the bus trip to Lancaster, PA to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see the production of JESUS on Tuesday, October 30. Reports are that this is their best play yet.

Please sign up and take a flyer located in the social hall or email me [grannyhoop@aol.com](mailto:grannyhoop@aol.com) or call me (540-822-5274). It will be a fun day. Final payment is due to Schrock Travel by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks - Joyce Hoopengardner

**PLEASE HELP US...**

We are again beginning to experience a bottleneck in the small narthex on Sunday mornings before church. We are asking everyone's assistance with this dilemma. If you are not serving as a greeter, acolyte, or helping distribute name tags, please avoid lingering in the narthex area before the church service. Usually, quite a number of people arrive at church just before time for the

service to begin and this is when that space really becomes congested. Your awareness and help with improving the crowded area will be greatly appreciated!

**NJLC TOP MINISTRY TASK IS CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. BE PART OF IT!**

**CHILDREN MINISTRY ACTIVITY:**



NJLC is excited to have a Children Ministry Activity, to be held twice a month during the Sunday Worship Sermon. The Children Ministry Activity will include Bible Stories, Video's, Arts, & Crafts. These activities are most appropriate for children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In order to make the Children Ministry Activity a success, we will need the help of volunteers to either teach the activities or provide needed assistance.

Depending on the number of volunteers, the volunteer commitment may be one Sunday every other month. Currently, we have the commitment of two volunteers willing to teach & one volunteer willing to assist. Again, in order to make the Children Ministry Activity a success, volunteers are critical. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Pursel or Kate Freeman.

**NJLC NURSERY:**

The New Jerusalem nursery will be open every Sunday, under Robin Betz's supervision. Adult volunteers from New Jerusalem are needed on a rotating basis to help with our preschoolers. Please speak to Carter Cady to be included on our schedule.



**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:**

Sunday August 26th: Robin Betz, Rachel Chatfield  
Sunday September 2nd: Robin Betz, Soledad Lemp

**CHERUB'S CORNER:**



Children are welcome in worship, but if a parent needs to take a small child out of the worship service, the **Cherub's Corner** in the fellowship hall is available. Parents will be able to hear the worship service through New Jerusalem's sound system. The Cherub's Corner is also useful during fellowship after the worship service.

**A BABY CHANGING STATION** is located in the Ladies restroom at the far end of the fellowship hall.

**WEEKLY SERMON:**

You may view these sermons, which are posted weekly on our church website: [www.njlclovettsville.org/](http://www.njlclovettsville.org/)  
Adult Sermons: [July 29, 2018](#) [August 5, 2018](#) [August 12, 2018](#)  
Children's Sermon: [July 29, 2018](#) [August 12, 2018](#)

**LIFTER SCHEDULE:** [September 2018](#)

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** [September 2018](#)

**TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 09/2/2018**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm: 15  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 1:17-27  
Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23