

**MOUNTAIN TOPICS AT MAR-LU-RIDGE:
SOLA SCRIPTURA.**



On Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman will be leading a seminar entitled "Sola Scriptura." Dr. Hoffman will survey the history of the Bible and its translation and will look at how modern English Bible versions continue the tradition of seeking to let the Word of God speak today. Cost is \$25/

person, which includes lunch. Please RSVP to MLR at (301) 874-5544 or see their website at www.mar-lu-ridge.org. (Advanced registration is appreciated to get a head count for lunch.)

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.
(FORMERLY STOP HUNGER NOW)**

This year the meal packaging event is Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 am – Noon at the Lovettsville Fire & Rescue Hall. We will be working together with other local churches to package small meal packets of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and vitamins, which will be sent to areas in crisis and school feeding programs in hunger-stricken regions. The last 5 years we packaged more than 250,000 meals. Please help us add to that this year. This year NJLC with the help of Thrivent have raised enough to feed over 5,000 hungry people.

Come early to help unload the food and stay late to help clean up or just participate in the packaging. Just for fun, wear a silly hat and you won't have to wear a hair net! Anyone 5 years and older can participate. JOIN US for a fun, hands-on way to make a difference and impact the lives of those suffering from hunger.

SIGN UP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ANNUAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3rd:

This year's annual congregational meeting will be December 3rd immediately following our Sunday's worship service. Copies of the budget endorsed by Council will be available prior to the meeting. The 2017 annual report will be distributed.

WELCA AND THE SERVICES COMMITTEE would like the church to sponsor a needy family identified by the Parent Liaisons. We will have a little "giving tree" in the Fellowship Hall for the next 2 Sundays with some tags for coats and pj's with sizes for the children. If you like, please take a tag, purchase the gift and return it unwrapped by **Sunday, Dec. 3** (annual meeting Sunday) as the Parent Liaison needs these gifts by Dec. 8. Gift cards to Kohl's or Target would also be greatly appreciated. We are sorry for the short turn-around time. Whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated! WELCA and Services Committee."

THE WOMEN OF NEW JERUSALEM are

celebrating a successful year by enjoying great food and fellowship at the West End Restaurant in Purcellville on December 10 at 1 PM. Last year there were 12 of us and we had a wonderful time. The food was good, but most of all we enjoyed the camaraderie. To All please consider joining us this year. See the menu by connecting to this link (<https://westendwinebarpub.com/>), But, before you make a decision check out the restaurant, then let me know if you will be joining us. Contact me at Laurah@hamkeeast.com

Shalom, Laura Hamke



TAKING FAITH HOME: November 26, 2017.

Are you a sheep or a goat? Read Matthew 25:31-46 (today's Gospel lesson) and the Service portion of the bulletin insert. How can we participate in the reign of God in this world? Discuss this with your family.

GIFTS OF HOPE: Gifts of Hope has been an annual tradition here at NJ since 1992 when the program was established by our Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod. Even though we will no longer be offering the gifts here at New Jerusalem they will still be available on line at www.giftsofhopedc.org. -Kay Garrett

MANY THANKS TO LOVETTSVILLE CUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS, AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS AND THEIR LEADERS for delivering over 4,000 pounds of food to our Western Loudoun Food Pantry on November 11th. This was an increase from 2,900 pounds last year. Many thanks also to the Lovettsville community which supported this food drive. Many small, medium and large helping hands collected, delivered, sorted and shelved all that food on a cold Saturday morning. On behalf of our hungry children, families, adults and children with disabilities and seniors that the Pantry serves, thank you so much!



*Thanksgiving
Food Drive*

Services Committee

**LIFTER SCHEDULE December
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES December**

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Please sign up in the fellowship hall to assist with snacks for fellowship after service. You don't have to be on the hospitality committee to sign up, but the hospitality committee will put it on the table before church lets out. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Vilpors, Fellowship/hospitality Chair at bvilpors@yahoo.com.

NAME TAGS: It helps us to get to know one another more easily if everyone wears a name tag on Sunday morning. If you're attending only the worship service, just drop your name tag in the box in the church foyer as you exit the church. If you are going to the fellowship time after service, keep your name tag on and then drop it in the NAME TAG BOX in the hall before you leave. In either case, your name tag will reappear in the church foyer before the next Sunday.

REMEMBER TO OBSERVE THE 5 MINUTE RULE: We encourage all NJLC members to observe the Five Minute Rule this morning following our worship service. Spend the first 5 minutes after worship greeting visitors and others whom you don't know very well BEFORE greeting friends or doing "church business." Extending the same kindness and love of Christ we've experienced to others makes a big difference, so let's all strive to make NJLC the most welcoming congregation possible!

CHERUB'S CORNER: Children are welcome in worship, but if a parent needs to take a small child out of a 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.

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 12/3/2017
1st Reading: Iza 64:1-9 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9
Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19 Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37



**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.



Christ the King Sunday • November 26, 2017 • Worship at 10 a.m.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY 11/26/2017

1st Reading: Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 2nd Reading: Eph 1:15-23
Psalm: 95:1-7a Gospel Reading: Matt 25:31-46



We Embody the Presence of Christ

It is possible that the biggest barrier to accepting this as our lifelong vocation is not a lack of faith but a lack of imagination.

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we receive a parable from Jesus challenging and inspiring our imaginations to grasp our whole vocation that is celebrated in baptism: to embody Christ in every moment and to engage every part of our world as Christ's redeemed creation.

The parable of the sheep and the goats has sometimes been used to instill fear of God's judgment. However, it is possible that Jesus' point here is to urge his disciples to share God's generous saving grace with all. Jesus' parables consistently offer a simple setting and story, but behind them lie a world of rich meaning that takes a lifetime to unpack. For this reason, Jesus' parables are important texts for the postmodern church, which is hungry for story, for connection, and for meaning for our faithful lifelong questions. With shepherding texts from Ezekiel and the Psalms as well as Ephesians, an epistle written to build faith, we have a constellation of texts that make the shape of God's intimate—even incarnational—love of creation. The parable even suggests that being merely intentional about ministry in the name of Jesus is not the point. After all, both "sheep" and "goats" groups are equally shocked at the news that Jesus was present in those relationships involving thirst, imprisonment, and so forth. Instead, Jesus seems to invite us to wonder what's at the deepest foundation of our presence and purpose—and perhaps even walk away faithfully bewildered at the possibilities of God's kingdom being practiced on earth as it is in heaven. What if we really do embody the presence of Christ?

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR NATION:

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



PRAYERS OF HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS: Loretta Pursel (Tom Pursel's Mother), Gary Lowry, Larry Bowman & Shirley Debow (*members of NJLC*); Rob Freeman (AIM @ NJLC 1999-2006); Joyce (Miller) Goodson, Mike Strite, Cathy (Smith) Bolinger and Pat Mascaro (*friends of Judy Fox*); Peggy Steadman (Richard Sullivan's daughter); William & Dot Belter (*cousins of Barbara Vilpors*); Gary Edwards (*friend of David Whipple*); Cheyenne Whipple (*Warren & Sherry Whipple's daughter-in-law*); Bob Frye (*Brother of Helen Keister and Joyce Hoopengardner*); Travis Rook (*Clarice Dieter's nephew*); John Lamm (*Son of Barbara Lamm*); Joyce Norris Miller (*Cousin of Barbara Tritapoe*); Patricia Freeman (*Mother of Jim Freeman*); Mildred Kulak, (*Mother of Gary Kulak*); Darla

Dodle (*Clarice Dieter's neighbor*); Kim Lassiter (*Linda Guyton*). * Names in brackets indicate the person requesting the prayers. Please keep Eva at the church office informed of those for whom we pray and who can be removed from the list.

We pray that God's spirit of comfort will surround the family of Elizabeth Sheryn Hardesty and walk with them through the coming days and weeks. Sheryn died on November 15 in Texas. She grew up in Lovettsville and was a member of New Jerusalem. Sheryn taught math for 40 years at Broad Run High School, serving as chair of the math department for a number of years. Her funeral service will be on December 1 at 11:00 am at the Loudoun Funeral Chapel with burial rite to follow at the Lovettsville Union Cemetery and a reception in the NJLC fellowship hall thereafter.

POINSETTIA ORDERS: THE LAST SUNDAY.

An insert is included in your bulletin for poinsettia orders. Please place your orders in the offering plate, as per the instructions on the order form. Thank you Ann Shomaker, Worship Committee.



NO SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS on 11/26/2017. Looking ahead: Next Sunday, December 3, 2017, the topic will be "What Does This Mean? – A Theology of Learning." Join us next week at 9:00 AM in the adult classroom.



HELP DECORATE: Helping hands are needed to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Please join us after this Sunday's service (Nov. 26th's) for decorating. It takes about 1½ to 2 hours to complete the task. Contact Joyce Hoopengardner at 540-822-5274 or Sherry Whipple at 540-822-5573.

"CALLING ALL SHEEP, SHEPHERDS, MARY, JOSEPH AND ANGELS-

Back by popular demand, the children of NJLC will perform the Gospel Reading during the Christmas Eve service. There are very few reading parts, but lots of singing and all children over age 4 are welcome. We will have 3 practices, 12/3 during the Congregational Meeting, 12/17 after the service and 12/24 prior to the service. If your child is interested, please notify Kate Freeman vafreemans@outlook.com or 703-4319879 as soon as possible. We'd like for the kids who are speaking to have an opportunity to memorize their short parts. We had wonderful actors/acresses and look to expand the talent this year".



Sermon on the Amount:	Attendance <u>78</u>		
Received 11/19/2017	\$ 2,005	Received 2017 YTD	\$ 145,234
Needed Weekly	\$ 3,458	Budgeted for 2017	\$ 190,800
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$ 1,453)	Projected Year End	\$ 160,684