

Heaven's Herald

The Third Sunday of Advent — December 16, 2018
Worship at 10:00 a.m. Fellowship immediately following.



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.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY 12/16/2018

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14 Gospel Reading: Mathew 1:18-25

WE PRAY: *Names in brackets indicate the person requesting the prayers.

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS:

Peggy Glascock (*Judy Fox*); Dean Fox (*Judy Fox's brother*); Michelle Bloom (*NJLC member*); Madeleine Heffern (*NJLC member*); Greg Keister (*Helen & Mack Keister's son*); Jackie Brownell & Roseanne Legard (*NJLC members*); Sanjay Beri (*Bloom Family's friend*); Beth (Bolinger) Hochstatler & Nancy Poland Nicholas (*Judy Fox's friends*); Aiden; Bernie & Nancy Orndorff (*members of NJLC*); Thomas Hannon (*Jim Hannon*); Cheryl Fleming (*Chatfield Family's friend*); Shirley Debow (*member of NJLC*); Sam & Joyce (Miller); Goodson and Pat Mascaro (*Judy Fox's friends*); 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*); Keith & Bob Keister (*Mack Keister's brothers*); Mildred Kulak (*Gary Kulak's mother*); Marilyn Thayer Cotes Family (*Dottie Gladstone*).

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, Airman First Class Colin Forsyth.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: December 16, 2018.

Paul has been called the Apostle to the Gentiles. What characteristics and circumstances made him uniquely qualified for that mission? How did Paul relate to the Jews he met in the Roman world? Join us at 9:00 AM in the adult classroom. All adults and youth are invited. There will be no class 12/23 or 12/30 due to the holiday.

UPDATE ON SAFETY AND SECURITY AT NJLC

The safety and security at NJLC is an ongoing conversation between council, church leaders, and our members. The council would like to update everyone on the progress from these discussions. First, council is forming a security committee that will diligently research and help determine what safety and security plan is the best fit for our facility and our congregation. Pastor Krista will be reaching out to the Synod and pastoral leaders from our community in an effort to learn from their policies and conversations in their own congregations. Updates will continue in e-news as we learn and obtain more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rachel Chatfield and her classmates who were honored last Sunday at the Excellence in Education Banquet for representing the top 5% of the Loudoun County Public School 2019 Class. To view the article in the Loudoun Times Mirror, [click here](#).

WELCA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Women of the ELCA are having their Annual Christmas Luncheon at Magnolias, 1:00 p.m. on December 16th. This year there is a choice of the preset lunch menu or the lunch buffet. All women in the congregation are invited. If you are interested in joining us please contact Laura Hamke at Lhamke@gmail.com by December 10, 2018 in order to get a headcount for the restaurant. We look forward to our celebration together.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT—THE ANGELS PROCLAIM

This year's pageant will once again be included as a part of the Christmas Eve worship on Monday, Dec. 24th at 7:00 p.m. This year we will be telling the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of the angels who visited Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and finally, the shepherds. There will be parts for kids who want to speak and for those who don't but who want to dress up in the fun costumes and be part of telling the story. We need younger children and older youth to participate and help bring the story of Jesus' birth alive among us. The next rehearsal is on Sunday, Dec. 23rd following worship from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided for the children. Talk to Pastor Krista or Kate Freeman for more info or to sign up to participate.

GIFTS OF HOPE

The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod is once again offering the opportunity to purchase gifts through their Gifts of Hope program. This ministry is a catalog of unique gifts that support the ministries and programs of 10 social service organizations, two camps, four ministries, and the Metro D.C. Synods' three companion synods abroad. With gifts that range from \$10 to \$300 dollars, and a new addition of a challenge gift, in which your monetary donation is matched dollar for dollar, Gifts of Hope is a great way to help others and honor those on your gift list. Visit www.giftsofhopedc.org or pick up a catalog in our church office.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER OF NJLC?

Pastor Krista will be hosting a new member orientation session on Sunday, January 13 following the morning worship. We'll provide a light lunch and invite anyone interested in membership to join us. Call Linda Heffern at 540-822-4033 to let us know if you can attend. New members will then be received in late January.

Sermon on the Amount		Attendance <u>96</u>	
Received 12/2/2018	\$ 2,511	Received 2018 YTD	\$ 150,207
Needed Weekly	\$ 3,458	Budgeted for 2018	\$ 193,000
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (947)	Projected Year End	\$ 159,403

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas gifts for a family in need. The parent liaison picked up all the wrapped presents on Monday and had this to say "I picked up the gifts. WOW thank you!" Your generosity helped make a family's Christmas brighter this season. Thank you very much!

Thank you to my wonderful church family for all your kindness during my recent accident recovery time. The delicious meals, phone calls, prayers, emails, and visits were so very much appreciated and sure brightened my days. You are the best and I am blessed to be a part of this loving congregation. God's peace to all. —Joyce Hoopengardner

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is recruiting crocheters and knitters to join us in making prayer shawls for giving to folks in need of God's comfort and love or in celebration of one of life's joyful events. Our prayer shawls are pretty popular and our very small group is feeling pressure to keep a nice assortment on the shelves. We meet every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., but if you can't attend a daytime meeting your stitching efforts done conveniently at home would still be much appreciated. There will be no meetings on 12/18 or 12/25 for the holiday. —Kay Garrett

MAR-LU-RIDGE SUMMER CAMP 2019

Mar-Lu-Ridge has announced its Summer Camp 2019: "Transformed Community!" MLR offers residential programming for ages 6-17, as well as day camp for ages 6-10. The camp is ACA accredited, and the staff is faith-filled and enthusiastic. MLR offers traditional and specialty camps to meet all interests. Open House dates: March 17 & May 19. Join us as we explore what it means to be "Transformed Community!" Romans 12:2.

Contact Mar-Lu-Ridge with questions: mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org or call 800.238.9974.

THE NJLC FIRE AND REBUILDING: 150 YEARS AGO

On October 19, 1868, we laid the cornerstone for a new church building, which was completed a year later. This was made necessary because, on Jan. 9, 1868, the old church building, along with all of its interior furnishings, had been destroyed by fire. None of our church histories give any cause of the fire. Was it an accident, or was it intentionally set? What did our pastor, Rev. X.J. Richardson, say about it?

The [Lovettsville Historical Society's](#) current newsletter contains a feature [article](#) in its December issue, researched and written by Edward Spannaus, which sheds new light on this old mystery.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our special Sunday worship service on 12/30 will be Lessons and Carols, a traditional holiday service of prayers, carols, and readings from the Books of Genesis, Micah, Matthew, Luke and John. The music will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by a coffee hour and fellowship.

Want more NJLC news? Visit
<http://www.njlclovettville.org/whats-happening>

WEEKLY SERMON

Our weekly sermons are under construction! We are working on creating audio files for download with each week's adult and children's sermons. We will announce when these are ready on our website.

LIFTER SCHEDULE:

[December 2018](#)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

[December 2018](#)

*You have what it takes!
Be a part of New Jerusalem's top
ministry task of Children's Education.*

NJLC NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR WINTER 2018:

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. We are still looking for nursery volunteers, even ONE Sunday this year would be helpful. Please speak to Carter Cady, Kate Freeman or sign up in the nursery to be included on our schedule.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

December 16: Carter Cadey, Robin Betz
December 23: Michelle Bloom, Robin Betz

A BABY CHANGING STATION:

The baby changing station is located in the Ladies restroom at the far end of the fellowship hall.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Christmas Carols
Children's Christmas Pageant
With Pastor Krista Vingelis
New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Monday, December 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
12942 Lutheran Church Road
Lovettsville, VA 20180
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540-822-5576

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 12/23/2018

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 Gospel Reading: Luke 2:8-15