



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.

Transfiguration of Our Lord - Last Sunday after the Epiphany - February 11, 2018 - Worship at 10 a.m.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY 02/11/2018

1st Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 4:3-6
 Psalm: 50:1-6 Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

Mike Strite, Cathy (Smith) Bolinger and Pat Mascaro (*friends of Judy Fox*); Peggy Steadman (Richard Sullivan's daughter); Gary Edwards (*friend of David Whipple*); Emily & family (*friends of Chatfield family*); 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*); Bob & Keith Keister (*Brothers of Mack Keister*); 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.*



**Transfiguration:
 Amazing Then and Now**

Imagine what would happen if someone from the days of Jesus were suddenly transported to our present. How would someone accustomed to walking everywhere respond to driving in a car at top speed, let alone flying in a jet? How would someone who spends their life depending on—at best—oil lamps for light respond to electric lights? It is fun to muse at how people might respond, as we reflect on how sophisticated we are.

Now imagine if the scene were reversed. How would someone accustomed to understanding much in the world around them respond to an event as otherworldly as the transfiguration? We understand volcanoes and the northern lights. We can explain lightning and thunder. We know about germs and disease transmission. So what would we do when confronted with something so amazing, awesome, and unexplainable?

The transfiguration is one of those ancient events that still puzzle us. What really happened to Jesus that day? Since we cannot go back to that time, we are left to speculate. We take stabs in the dark and make educated guesses, but at the end of the day we are left with a holy mystery to ponder.

Whatever happened that day, there is a timeless spiritual reality behind the physical details Mark gives us. God sometimes uses extreme and amazing methods to transform us when we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit. God's spirit transfigured Jesus then. That same Spirit is still transforming people today. We don't have to explain first-century miracles to trust that God's transforming Spirit is timeless and at work within each of us today. We do not have to understand everything to see the beauty of God at work in the world, continually transfiguring us into the people we were created to be.

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:

Carol Francis & family (*friends of Linda Heffern*); Stacey Zimmerlee (Rick Norgaard's cousin); Cady Family (Lisa Schlei pfer); Gary Lowry, Larry Bowman & Shirley Debow (*members of NJLC*); Rob Freeman (AIM @ NJLC 1999-2006); Joyce (Miller) Goodson,

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS: February 11, 2018.
 What do Lutherans believe is happening in Holy Communion? Where in the Bible can we find these words used during Communion: "on the night when he was betrayed ...". Is there any connection between The Last Supper of Jesus and the Messianic Banquet of Isaiah 25:6-8? Our study of the liturgical framework of Lutheran worship continues. The class meets at 9:00 AM in the adult classroom. All adults youth are invited.

NEXT SUNDAY: February 18, 2018:

No Sunday Adult Bible Study Class

STARTING SUNDAY: February 25, 2018:

The adult class will suspend its study of the liturgy to provide discussions of each previous Sunday's Lenten Program on *Six Spiritual Needs in America*.

TAKING FAITH HOME: February 11, 2018.

Have you had a special experience of God's presence? In Mark 9:2-9 (today's Gospel lesson) Peter, James, and John see Jesus transfigured on a mountaintop. Read the Devotions section of the bulletin insert and discuss with your family how this vision of Jesus can encourage us as we journey toward the cross during Lent.

**ASH WEDNESDAY - TWO JOINT SERVICES
 FEBRUARY 14TH, at 12:00 NOON & 7:30 PM**

NJLC will hold **TWO JOINT SERVICES** with Zion & Bethel Lutheran Churches here at New Jerusalem, on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Ash Wednesday begins our journey through the forty days of Lent – that season in our church year during which we are invited to keep a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Word. Both

Sermon on the Amount		Attendance 81	
Received 2/4/2018	\$ 3,668	Received 2018 YTD	\$ 16,177
Needed Weekly	\$ 3,458	Budgeted for 2018	\$ 193,000
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 210	Projected Year End	\$ 168,241

services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Biblically, the imposition of ashes is a sign of penance and of mourning, a reminder that we are mortal and imperfect beings. Ashes are imposed by a mark on one's forehead in the shape of a cross – the shape of the instrument by which God's Son, Jesus, took the judgment of death imposed on humanity upon himself in order to redeem us from it. This sign is a reminder that though we stand under the sentence of death and will surely die, we also stand under the redemption of Jesus' self-giving act on the cross. The ashes are a sign that God continues to reach out and embrace us in love.

COLLECTING FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS for LWR:

The need: Lutheran World Relief (LWR) sends these kits (formerly called Health Kits) to disaster areas as needed here and abroad. The Lovettsville community will be invited to join NJLC in participating in this project.

Contents of each kit:

(LWR has specific requirements)

- 1 Towel of a dark color and light weight, size between 20"x40" (min) & 52"x 27" (max). (Walmart brand "Mainstay" works well)

- 2 Four-ounce bars of soap

- 1 Toothbrush

- 1 Comb

- 1 Nail Clipper



Deadline for collections at NJLC: February 28, 2018.

Monetary donations for purchasing items or shipping will also be appreciated. Cost to ship each kit is \$2.65. Checks may be made payable to NJ WELCA.

Assembly of the Personal Care Kits: March 13, 2018.

Assembly will take place as part of a Mid-Lenten Service Program (See separate article).

Sponsors: NJLC's Women of the ELCA (WELCA) and Worship Committee.

NJLC'S 2018 LENTEN PROGRAM:

**Sunday worship services during Lent:
Six Spiritual Needs in America**

A short chancel drama (skit) will present one of six identified spiritual needs, which will be highlighted in the sermon for that week. Discussion of each Sunday's skit and sermon will take place during the following Sunday morning adult class. The six spiritual needs reflect the need everyone has for identity, belonging, and purpose.

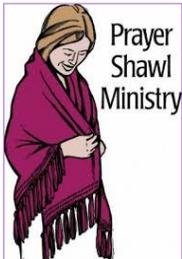
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:00pm:

Featuring a speaker from LWR

This will be the culmination of our Lenten Service Project to collect and assemble Personal Care Kits (formerly called Health Kits) for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The evening will begin with deserts (no meal) and end with a short worship component. The LWR speaker will give us information on the distribution and use of the kits. Participants may then assemble Personal Care Kits from the collected items.

PRAYER SHAWL:

Would you like to make yourself a Pocket Prayer Shawl? Join us any Wednesday at 1:30pm to learn how.



A Pocket Prayer Shawl & Prayer Shawl can be given to someone going through a difficult time, loss of love one, illness etc. or a happy occasion like a new job or moving to a new house. Other reasons for giving are to let someone know you care, someone is thinking of them, God is watching over them or just because they need a hug.

EATER EGG HUNT:



We will be accepting candy and plastic egg donations for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Candy and eggs can be dropped off in the fellowship hall kitchen. All candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a standard plastic egg.

REVISED ENEWS INFORMATION DEADLINE:

Please provide information for inclusion in the weekly eNews to Eva Alexander (njlc@loudounwireless.com) **no later than Monday of the current week.** Receiving new or updated information early in the week will assist Eva in meeting her Thursday deadline for completing the weekly bulletin and distributing the eNews electronically.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flower arrangement you see on the altar each Sunday morning is a beautiful & meaningful addition to the worship service.



If you are interested in contributing altar flowers for a Sunday service,

sign up on the 2018 flower chart posted on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway of the main church building (near the elevator). You may order flowers from the Purcellville Florist (540-338-4161) or C.M. Bloomers (800-352-8833) for delivery directly to the church. You also may purchase flowers at a supplier of your choice and deliver the flowers yourself prior to the worship service. Let the church administrative assistant (540-822-5576) or the monthly flower chairperson (list of names posted on the same bulletin board) know by the Monday preceding your Sunday the text for the dedication you want printed in the worship bulletin. Please take a moment to sign up and dedicate flowers on a special Sunday.

LIFTERS, LIFTERS, LIFTERS:



...Can you help? Have you thought about serving as a "lifter" to help with one of the many roles needed for Sunday service? There are opportunities to serve as greeter, usher, lector, communion assistant, preparation of communion for the service, and assisting with the sound system. If you are new to any of this, training will be provided. Contact Pastor Cindy or Sherry Whipple if you are interested in helping as a Sunday "lifter."

LIFTER SCHEDULE:

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

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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 02/18/2018

1st Reading: Gen 9:8-17
Psalm: 25:1-10

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15