



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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 22, 2018 - Worship at 10 a.m.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY 04/22/2018

1st Reading: Acts 4:5-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Psalms: 2

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18



Life Laid Down

How does faith in the risen Christ call one to live? What shape does one's life take?

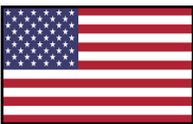
The readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter are rich in their imagery, and at the center is the image of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Five times in eight short verses Jesus mentions laying down his life for the sake of the sheep.

The First Letter of John picks up the same theme: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:16-17). Laying down one's life for another might take many forms, but it at least means this: extending help, as much as you are able, when another is in need.

A friend tells the story of her grandfather, a faithful man who earned a modest income. Each year when tax time rolled around, he was audited. According to tax records he earned so little and gave away so much. The astounded auditors questioned him, wondering why he gave so much of his income to the church. Incredulous, he responded, "You can't outgive God."

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, and joined to the risen life of Christ, the lives of the baptized are shaped by generosity and sacrifice. Giving one's life, resources, gifts, or whatever one holds most dear for the sake of another is both a witness to the love we have first been shown and an act of faith. Hearing Jesus' words in this Easter season reminds us that laying down one's life is not an act to be feared; rather, it is an act that defies death, as we trust that, washed in the waters of baptism, we already live in the resurrected life of Christ. (sundaysandseasons.com)

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:

Jeanie Sullivan (Dick Sullivan); Cheryl Fleming (friend of the Chatfield Family); Jim Clem (friends of Rick & Kim Norgaard); Carol Francis & family (friends of Linda Heffern); Stacey Zimmerman (Rick Norgaard's cousin); Shirley Debow (member of NJLC); Rob Freeman (AIM @ NJLC 1999-2006); Joyce (Miller) Goodson, Cathy (Smith) Bolinger and Pat Mascaro (friends of Judy Fox); Peggy Steadman (Richard & Jeanie Sullivan's daughter); Gary Edwards (friend of David Whipple); Cheyenne Whipple (Warren & Sherry Whipple's daughter-in-law); 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 in the church office informed of those for whom we pray and who can be removed.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROBERT LEE FRYE:

We pray that God's spirit of comfort surrounds the family of Robert (Bob) Lee Frye & walks with them through the coming days and weeks. Bob died at home in Winchester on April 18. He grew up & lived in Lovettsville until the latter years when he moved to Winchester. He was a lifelong member of New Jerusalem. He is the brother of Joyce Hoopengardner & Helen Keister. Friends & family will be received on Tuesday, April 24, at Omps Funeral Home, Amherst Chapel, 1600 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA, 22601 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 am at Omps Funeral Home, Amherst Chapel, with Pastor Cindy officiating. Interment will follow at the Lovettsville Union Cemetery at 2:00 pm with a reception in the NJLC fellowship hall thereafter. Memorial donations can be made to New Jerusalem Lutheran Church or Blue Ridge Hospice at 333 West Cork St., Suite 405, Winchester, VA, 22601.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: April 22, 2018.

How does the structure of the Lutheran liturgy enrich the flow of worship? Why do the various elements of the liturgy occur in the order that they do? Join us at 9:00 am in the adult classroom. All adults and youth are invited.

TAKING FAITH HOME: April 22, 2018.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Read John 10:11-18 and the Devotions section of the bulletin insert. How you listen to Jesus' voice today? Consider this with your family.

NJLC WELCOMES 13 NEW MEMBERS THIS SUNDAY

We will receive 13 persons as new members to New Jerusalem this Sunday, April 22 during the 10am worship service:

Don & Michele Bloom with their children, Riley & Robert; Darren & Carter Cady; Brett and Amy Spencer with their daughter Sadie; Jacob & Dani Stephens; and Lauren Tankut with her son Ozan. Together with these new members we will reaffirm our baptismal covenant & these persons will become full-fledged members of NJLC with all the rights of membership therein.

Welcome!

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Sermon on the Amount

Attendance 77

Received 4/15/2018	\$ 2,524	Received 2018 YTD	\$ 51,602
Needed Weekly	\$ 3,458	Budgeted for 2018	\$ 193,000
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (934)	Projected Year End	\$ 178,886

Additionally, Riley Bloom, a 2nd grader, will be presented for her First Communion this Sunday. Join us for this special service & welcome these new members during the coffee/refreshment fellowship time that follows the service.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Our next Youth Confirmation Theme vent will be this coming Sunday, April 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the youth room of the education wing. We will continue our discussion of Holy Communion as we discuss chapter 4, "Taste and See," in the green Journal, *Lutheran Life*. Youth should read pages 25-29 in the *Journal*. Don't forget to bring the green journal, a bible, and white notebooks.

MAR-LU-RIDGE MOUNTAIN TOPICS: April 24, 9am-1pm
www.mar-lu-ridge.org/2017/12/31/mountain-topics-experiencing-the-gospel-of-mark/. If you have questions or would be interested in carpooling, please see Diana Zapf.

CHILDREN MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS: April 29, 2018

We will be having a meeting after Sunday Worship on April 29. Anyone who may be interested in volunteering for the Children Ministry Activity or Nursery is encouraged to attend. We will be discussing Schedule, Curriculum, Policies, and Procedures. Thanks, Susan P.

SAVE THE DATE SENIOR LUNCHEON MAY 2018:

We have the date set for May 15th. Save the date on your calendar.

**"SHIPWRECKED"
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 at NJLC**

July 23-27, 2018 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Registration: \$15 per child;
 \$30 max. per family.



CHILI COOK-OFF THANK YOU:



On Saturday, March 11th, after the long weekend of strong winds which caused power outages all over the area, the youth still managed to organize the Annual Chili Cook-off. We had 9 chilis entered into the contest. Kim Chatfield won hottest chili,

Mike Zapf won most unusual chili with a Hungarian Goulash, Catherine Ciesinski won best overall chili and Michelle Chatfield won the best youth chili with her grandfather's recipe. We collected a good will offering of \$448.61 to go to the Rise Against Hunger Event at the end of the year. Thank you to all who worked hard on their chilis and supported the youth to Rise Against Hunger in the world.

EASTER THANKS: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The youth filled and hid over 700 Easter Eggs. Many kids went home with a bag full of candy and a big smile on their faces. Thank you to all the members who donated all the candy and plastic eggs so that the youth could have such a successful Easter Egg Hunt each and every year.

NJLC LOGO COMMITTEE:

We are underway with commissioning an official logo for NJLC. We are currently seeking volunteers to join us on this creative process. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Lisa Schleiپر at 540-668-5196 or edenrivers@gmail.com.

LIFTER SCHEDULE: April 2018

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: April 2018



**SEEKING A STAFF
 NURSERY WORKER
 FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS**

New Jerusalem is looking to hire a nursery worker to provide a weekly program for our growing number of young children during Sunday church services. Once hired this person will be assisted by additional volunteers from NJLC. If you know of someone who loves young children, is reliable, available on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., and is at least 21 years of age, please direct them to the NJLC web site to view the job description and then encourage them to send a cover letter and résumé to the NJLC's church office at njlc@loudounwireless.com.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

◆ **CHILDREN MINISTRY ACTIVITY**

NJLC is happy to announce the beginning of a Children Ministry Activity to be held twice a month during the Sunday Worship Sermon- a schedule is forthcoming. The Children Ministry Activity will include Bible Stories, Video's, Arts, & Crafts. These activities are most appropriate for children age 4 through 5th 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.

◆ **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

NJLC is in the process of opening a much needed Nursery every Sunday during Worship Service & hiring a Nursery Attendant. Two persons are required for groups of children under kindergarten age, so one volunteer will be needed in the nursery along with the hired Nursery Attendant. Depending on the number of volunteers, this commitment could be as little as one Sunday every month or two. Please contact Susan Pursel, Kate Freeman, or Pastor Cindy to let them know if you can volunteer.



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.

WEEKLY SERMON: Sermons are posted weekly on our church website. Please click below to read the latest:

Adult Sermons: [March 29, 2018](#) [Easter April 1, 2018](#)
 Children's Sermon [Easter April 1, 2018](#)

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 04/29/2018
 1st Reading: Acts 8:26-40 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-21
 Psalm: 22:25-31 Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8