

Heaven's Herald

September 8, 2019

Worship at 10:00 a.m. Fellowship immediately following.



NEW JERUSALEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 9/8/2019

First Lesson: Deut. 30:15-20

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS:

Family of Bill Wilson (*Dottie Gladstone's cousin*); Virginia Dahl (*Rick Norgaard's mother*); Darren Cady (*NJLC member*); Lori Magnusson (*Linda Guyton's friend*); Bobby Voldish (*Clarice Dieter's friend*); Elaine Walker (*Dottie Gladstone's friend*); Charlie & Shirley Debow (*NJLC Members*); Lori Legard (*NJLC member*); Ronald Shoup (*Bridgette Wagner's Grandfather*); John Hove (*Michelle Bloom's father*); Ruth Welty (*Diana Zapf's mother*); Family of Kelly Keesling (*Pamela Pott's cousin*); Bernie & Nancy Orndorff (*NJLC members*); Charlotte Clatterbuck (*NJLC Member*); Peggy Glascock (*Judy Fox's cousin*); Greg Keister (*Helen & Mack Keister's son*); Jackie Brownell (*NJLC member*); Joyce Goodson (*Judy Fox's friend*); John Lamm (*Barbara Lamm's son*); Joyce Norris Miller (*Barbara Tritapoe's cousin*); Mildred Kulak (*Gary Kulak's mother*).

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR NATION:

Seaman Matthew J. Betz, P.F.C. Nicholas Wagoner; Lt. Kawika Chang, Major Andrew Zapf, Major Mack Brownell, Capt. Gretchen Day, Capt. Christopher Day, Christopher Lentz, Ryan Lemp, all those serving aboard the USS Boxer in the Persian Gulf

"GOD'S WORK.OUR HANDS.": It's Time to Serve

This Sunday, Sept. 8th, is the ELCA's national day of service. It's an opportunity to celebrate our love for God through service of our neighbor. We will worship God and bless the labors of our hands, share a meal, and then get to work! It all starts at 10:00 a.m. and most projects should be done by early afternoon.

Here's what you can be a part of:

1. Building a shed for Lovettsville Elementary School
2. Landscaping and gardening at The Lovettsville Home
3. Food Pantry
4. Quilts
5. Health Kits
6. Cleaning rooms and organizing supplies in Ed. Bldg.

Don't forget to bring back your yellow pantry bags filled with the list of needed items. Set them around the communion table and we'll bless them along with prayer shawls, quilts and more.

If you haven't signed up, you can still come and join us. All ages are welcome on most projects and youth participation is encouraged. For more information, contact the church office or email Bruce Guyton at guytonbl@gmail.com.

GWOH LUNCHEON BUFFET

Join us after worship and be fueled for service. Thank you to all who have volunteered to bring food or help with set up and clean up. If you haven't signed up and would still like to bring something, you can never go wrong with a main dish item.

OKTOBERFEST IS COMING: Saturday, September 28!

We are still looking for volunteers and donations for this year's Oktoberfest booth! Please consider donating a couple hours of your time to help. This event has proven to be very popular and busy and we want to make sure we have enough hands to help out during the day! Thanks again to the Wegmeyer family for their generous contribution of pumpkins and to everyone else who has helped prepare for this fun day. Signup sheets and a donation bin are in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Michelle Bloom at mhove23@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BEGIN SEPT. 16

We're excited to announce that after a good interview process with three strong candidates, an offer has been extended and accepted to staff our office. Pending council vote on Sept. 10, Rachel Lesink would begin her new job with us on Monday, Sept. 16th. Rachel comes to us with both general administrative experience and CHURCH administrative experience. She has previously served two ELCA congregations in the Atlanta, GA area. Rachel's family recently moved to Round Hill and she is excited to join us in our ministry.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS BEGINS IN NOVEMBER!

TOPIC: Parables of Jesus, seen through the Middle Eastern culture of Jesus' day. We will explore how Jesus' audience would have understood eleven of Jesus' parables, and consider how that information enhances our understanding today. The parables we will study include The Good Samaritan, The Great Banquet, and The Two Lost Sons (The Prodigal Son). MATERIALS: The class will study selected passages in the Gospel of Luke with the help of the study book *The Parables of Jesus* by Harry Wendt, of Crossways International.

COST: The study guide is \$6 per person. If you cannot cover that cost, the church can help so don't let that stop you from participating. Speak to Diana or PK and confidence will be maintained.

TIMES: The same class will be offered **twice each week**:

9:00 a.m. on Sundays, starting November 3.

10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, starting November 7.

LEADER: Diana Zapf

<i>Sermon on the Amount</i>	Attendance <u>72</u>	
Received 9/01/2019	\$ 2,805	Received 2019 YTD \$112,651
Needed Weekly	\$ 3,728	Budgeted for 2019 \$193,895
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (923)	Projected Year End \$167,368

*Be a part of New Jerusalem's top
ministry commitment to Children,
Youth and Families (CYF)*

THE PRAYGROUND OFFICIALLY OPENS: Sept. 15, 2019

Our Sunday morning children's faith activity time is now being called "The Prayground." It will be "open" on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month, after the Children's Message in worship. Kids will go to The Prayground to learn a bible lesson, do crafts, play games, etc. all related to the day's Gospel story. Jennifer Cooper-Barlow and Lauren Tankut are the lead teachers, though we need 1-2 more adults to become part of the regular teaching rotation. Support adults and youth are also needed to sign up for each Sunday The Prayground is open. We'll have a cross-generational kick-off activity during the ice cream social this Sunday, 9/1 and The Prayground will officially open 9/15.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY: "THE WAY"

Based on input from parents and key adult leaders, a long-term mission and vision plan has been developed. "The Way" is a ministry that will partner congregation and family in the faith formation of our children and youth. It will have several key components: an education plan that builds on and celebrates the milestones in the lives of CYF, four age-level youth groups (from Nursery through High School) that will offer at least two friendship events and two servant events per year per group, and opportunities to participate in Synod (and National) events and retreats.

"The Way" will combine church-based and home-based faith formation to accommodate the changing schedules of our families. It will afford us opportunities to offer specialized community-based workshops and events. It will seek to grow our Sunday morning faith formation opportunities, build a children's community theater, and explore adaptive learning strategies for families and kids with differing needs. The Way will take 3-5 years to completely roll out and new leaders will be needed to give of their time and talents along the way. Prayerfully consider how you might be a part of God's call as we serve our community through serving children, youth, and families.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Sept. 8, 2019	Robin Betz, Michelle Bloom
Sept. 15, 2019	Robin Betz, Matt Jorgenson
Sept. 22, 2019	Robin Betz, Kay Garrett
Sept. 29, 2019	Robin Betz, TBD

LIFTER SCHEDULE:**SEPTEMBER 2019****BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:****SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

MEMBERSHIP AT NJLC

Membership is not required to be part of the NJLC church family. However, should you desire to become a member or learn more about membership, we have a "Newcomers and Guest Social" planned during our regular fellowship hour on Sept. 15th. Anyone who wants to learn more about us is invited to grab a plate from the fellowship hall and join us after worship in the lounge of the Education Bldg. at 11:15 a.m. Please let us know BY THIS SUNDAY 9/8 if you plan to attend and if you will need childcare. New members will officially be received during worship on Sunday, Sept. 29th. For more information or to complete the needed paperwork for membership, please speak with Linda Heffern or Pastor Krista.

CHANGE IN COUNCIL SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Council for September will be meeting this Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. For questions, contact Council President, Mike Zapf.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council minutes are posted on the bulletin board (near the church entrance) on each Sunday following the council meeting. Minutes are also available in the church office for review. Copies will be provided up on request. Contact Lisa Schleiپر at edenrivers@gmail.com with any questions.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP LEILA ORTIZ: Oct. 12, 2019

All are invited to be part of the installation celebration for Bishop Leila Ortiz of the Metro D.C. Synod. The service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th at 10:00 a.m. at University of Maryland Memorial Chapel. Volunteers are welcome to assist in a variety of ways: singing in the choir, serving as greeter, sponsoring flowers or bulletins or musicians with a monetary donation, and attending worship. To learn more about the event, venue, directions and parking, and pre-installation celebrations visit: <https://metrodcclca.org/installation/>.

FALL AT MAR-LU-RIDGE

Check out these opportunities for refreshment, retreat and spiritual growth. For more info about any of these offerings, visit the website at www.mar-lu-ridge.org.

- September 24: MountainTopics "Holding on By Letting Go" with Rev. Dr. Bruce Barth
- September 29: Walkathon & Cookie Run! A great day of fellowship and fundraising.
- October 22: MountainTopics "Seeking God Through the Arts" with Jennifer Rundlett
- November 19: MountainTopics "Wheat and Yeast Morning" with Paulette Harvey
- December 1: Advent Gathering

WELCA—SAVE THE DATE

All Lutheran Women's Retreat will be held on November 7-9, 2019 at the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center. For information please contact JoAnn Fawley at 703-727-7957 or email at alwretreat2015@gmail.com.

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 9/15/2019

First Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14	Sec. Less: 1 Tim. 1:12-17
	Gospel: Luke 15:1-10