

Lectinary Readings

Jeremiah 51:15-21

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-26

Psalms 26:1-8

What does Sunday's gospel

have in common with Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*? Come Sunday and hear about the bizarro nature of the Kingdom of God!

Prayers for our NJLC Community

***new names added this week (NJLC connection)*

Wayne Dunkley (NJLC member); Cheyenne Ketterer (Sherry Whipple); Mack Keister (NJLC member); Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock (Judy Fox)

Arrangements for Greg Keister

A celebration of life "open house" in remembrance of Greg Keister will be held at the Lovettsville Fire and Rescue in the meeting hall on Saturday, September 9, from noon until 4 PM.



The Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Carl will bless school backpacks during his children's sermon on Rally Day, September 10.

Rally Day Sunday, September 10

RALLY back to worship! **RALLY** back to learning! **RALLY** back to service!

It's a PEP RALLY – so **wear your favorite sports memorabilia.**

- ⇒ Learning, worship, and fun — all in one!
- ⇒ Games and activities for all ages integrated into an informal worship setting in the fellowship hall.
- ⇒ It all begins at **10:00 a.m.**
- ⇒ **Potluck lunch** will follow.



Membership Directory Update

Church members will soon receive an email containing the information we currently have for the New Jerusalem Membership Directory. Please review your information and contact the church office if anything has changed. Changes that should be made for this year's directory can be emailed to officenjlc@gmail.com, or call 540-822-5576.

"You have as much laughter as you have faith."

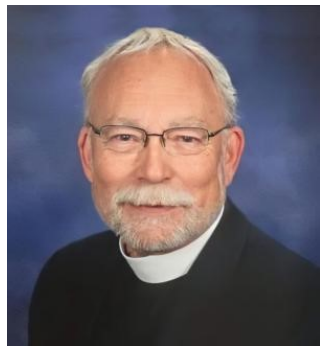
- Martin Luther

Memoriam of Rev. Ray Michener

The Rev. Ray Michener passed away on Thursday, August 17, 2023. Ray was a retired Lutheran minister and Navy chaplain. Before retiring and moving to Delaware in 2013, he served six interim pastorates in the Metro D.C. Synod, including New Jerusalem from 1997 until 2004.

While living in Delaware, Ray served as a priest associate for family life at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lewes, DE. He and his beloved partner, Tom, made their home in Millsboro. We hold Tom and all the family in our hearts and prayers.

A service will be held on Saturday, September 16 at 2:00 PM at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (200 2nd St, Lewes, DE 199582).



Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events

- September 17: PRAYGROUND returns
- September 24: Worship of Harvest Thanks (Oktoberfest Sunday)
- October 1: "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday
- October 8: Adult Bible study class on the Apostles' Creed begins
- October 22: Family Hay Ride

Bulletin for September 3 is attached.

And Jesus said unto the theologians,
"Who do you say that I am?"
They replied, "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma of which we find the ultimate meaning in our interpersonal relationships."
And Jesus said "...What?"

