



News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

October 2022

The Pastor's Pen

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The new website contains a category entitled What We Believe. This, I believe, is very important for people who are searching for a church home to know what we at New Jerusalem believe about certain things. It also does not hurt for all our members to be refreshed in what we believe as a Christian body of believers who just happen to be more orthodox Lutherans. I shared three of them in the September newsletter and will share three more in this newsletter. Most of these statements of belief come from The Common Confession (the faith statement of Lutheran Core – Coalition for Renewal) and of course from Holy Scripture.

The Authority of Scripture

We believe and confess that the Bible is God's revealed Word to us, spoken in Law and Gospel. The Bible is the final authority for us in all matters of our faith and life.

A Common Confession of Faith

We accept and uphold that the Lutheran Confessions reliably guide us as faithful interpretations of Scripture, and that we share a unity and fellowship in faith with others among whom the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached and the Sacraments are administered in accordance with the Gospel.

The Priesthood of All Believers

We believe and confess that the Holy Spirit makes all who believe in Jesus Christ to be priests for service to others in Jesus' name, and that God desires to make use of the spiritual gifts He has given through the priesthood of all believers.

In the November newsletter we will hear about the Sacraments of the Church and the mission and ministry of the congregation. Stay tuned!

Together in ministry,
Pastor Cauble

Early Services in October



Sunday, October 9

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, October 23

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

(If the weather does not permit us to worship outside, we will worship at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary)

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON CHURCH COUNCIL?

If you are interested in serving on Church Council, please let Pastor Cauble know. You may also put your name on the yellow legal pad located in the Gathering room.

Bible Study in October



Tuesday morning – 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall
First Samuel
October 4, 11, 18

Tuesday evening – 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Life to Life Discipleship
October 4, 11, 18, 25

(Even if you did not attend the Information Session on September 18, but are still interested in joining Life to Life, please join us on October 4 or when you can.)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US
FOR BIBLE STUDY!**

Thank You



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls we have received during Jim's hospitalization and recovery. The amount of concern you have shown is a beautiful display of what a loving congregation we have. We are both so blessed to be a part of it!

With love,
Jim and Paulette Abernethy

Fall Fellowship Event

Fall Fellowship Event
Saturday, October 22, 2022



Operation Christmas Child
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

As part of the Fall Fellowship Event, children will pack shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Saturday, October 22 from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. You can help by donating items to place in the shoeboxes or by donating money to help with the \$9 cost of shipping each box. There is a display in the Gathering Room with ideas about what types of items to donate.

Hot Dog Dinner

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

After working hard to fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, it's time to get something to eat!



Trunk-or-Treat
6:30 pm

Now it's time for candy! Trunk-or-Treating will immediately follow the Hot Dog Dinner. Want to get involved? Donate candy, \$\$, or your time! If you would like to sponsor a trunk, please sign the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room. Candy donations can also be dropped off in the Gathering Room.

Hickory Life Chain



Hickory Life Chain 2022

Save the Date!

Pro-Life Silent Prayer Vigil

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Rain or Shine

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Meet to pick up signs starting at 2:15 pm at the Life Chain Information Table near the intersection of US Highway 70 and 16th Street SE (in the plaza by Corner Bakery Store).

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Please join us as we line up along the south side of Hwy. 70 in the grassy area in front of Valley Hills Mall to support this Pro-Life event! Life Chain is a peaceful, silent, and prayerful national movement held each year with the purpose of abolishing abortion in our country.

Blood Drive

Give blood. Help save lives.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

**New Jerusalem
Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall
2120 Startown Rd.
Hickory, NC 28602

**Monday, October 3
2:30 PM to 7:00 PM**

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)

Lutheran Women

12th Annual Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation Saturday, October 15, 2022

Union Lutheran Church

4077 Bringle Ferry Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28146



Registration 9:30 – 10:00

Convocation begins at 10:00

\$8.00 Registration includes lunch

More information and registration information at
carolinaslutheranwomen.org or the Carolinas
Lutheran Women Facebook page

Christmas Play Interest Session



Christmas
Program

There will be a Christmas Play Interest and Information Session Thursday, October 6, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come to this meeting if you are interested in participating in any capacity.

Senior Friends



Highlights

September 21, 2022 Highlights

- Meeting held Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Twenty-eight adults** were present. Three were guests.
- Enjoyed our ANNUAL COOKOUT with hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings.
- Free will offering was collected.
- Safe Harbor will do our October Program. Copies of their Wish

List were made available in the September Newsletter. We've been asked to bring items to the October meeting. If you are unable to attend—but have items to donate, leave them on the front wooden table in the Fellowship Hall. Please label the bag for "SAFE HARBOR." Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated.

- September 29th Field Trip: We are going to the Asheville Farmer's Market, The Cove and lunch at Moose Café. We will tour the church and the museum on a lower level. We will leave NJLC at 9:00 am and return around 5:00 pm or later.
- **Our field trip to the Riverbend Creamery in Lincolnton is Wednesday, October 12th. (Note: This is a change of day from what was announced at our September Meeting!) We will meet at the church at 1:00 pm. No reservations are needed, just show up so we can bus and car pool.**
- Considering doing Emergency Contact sheet to keep on file for our field trips. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.
- Decided to have soup and sandwiches for our November meeting, since it's the same week as our Craft & Bake Sale. Began sign up for Soup & Sandwiches and will complete it at our October meeting.
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR: **Annual Bazaar** (will include the sale of baked and canned goods as well as crafts) will be held **Saturday, Nov. 19th** (the Saturday before Thanksgiving) **in the Fellowship Hall**. A sale of hotdogs and fixings will also be available.
- Hostesses for October meeting are Carolyn Elliott, Carolyn Miller and Carolyn Robinson.

We hope you'll be able to join us at our next covered dish meeting
on Wednesday, October 19th at 11:30.

Senior Friends Trip

Wednesday, October 12th

(Special Note: Date has changed!)

- WHO:** Members of Senior Friends and Guests
(Translated: We're open to everybody that can go.)
- WHAT:** **Trip to Riverbend Creamery
in Lincolnton**
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, October 12th**
Depart from New Jerusalem @ **1:00 pm**
No reservations needed



Church Council Meeting

September 12, 2022

(Motions are in **BOLD** and Actions are *Italicized*)

The September 2022 Church Council Meeting was held September 12, 2022. All members of Church Council were in attendance except Alan Bolch, Don Brown, Cindy Coulter, John Lutz, and Billy Young. The meeting was called to order by President Garret Turbyfill. Dennis Bollinger led devotions. Garret Turbyfill was the Council Designate in August. He reported that John Lutz' suggestion to turn on the air conditioning Sunday morning rather than Saturday night worked well and that everything went smoothly in August. The minutes for the August council meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Reports were received as information and show month end balances:

Current: \$91,171.78	Benevolence: \$8,752.03	Youth: \$2,480.35	Lutheran Men: \$721.65	Phillips Fund Checking: \$9,945.40
Available: \$27,133.37	Cemetery: 11,107.93	Women's: \$792.58	Mauser Fund CD: \$79,882.99	Phillips Fund CD: \$22,000.00
Building: 148,836.60	Cemetery CD: \$5,490.30			

Pastor's Report (August 2022):

Pastoral Contacts – 50; including: Home Visits – 14
Hospital Visits – 7
Nursing Home Visits – 4
Pastor's Study – 11
Other – 14

Services of Worship – 6

Meetings – 20

Classes Taught – 4

One Baptism for Sadie Ann Southers – August 14, 2022

Participated in online NCAA National Convocation – August 5, 2022

I was very pleased with the participation at our committee organizational meeting on Sunday, August 21. Many thanks are extended to the Long-Range Planning Committee and others who prepared the delicious meal. Much planning for 2023 was accomplished. I can see this being an annual meeting in late August.

Sunday school kickoff went well on August 28 with Rally Day. Attendance could have been better, however. Many thanks to everyone who participated, planned, and carried out the event.

We now have nine new members who will be joining New Jerusalem on September 18. I bring before you the names of Greg and Patricia "Trish" Scronce who wish to join New Jerusalem on that date.

Please be aware of the Life-to-Life Discipleship event planned for next Sunday afternoon, September 18, at 2:00 pm. I hope we will have a great turnout. The benefits to our congregation and growing community are very promising. I believe that this will provide an opportunity for the growth of God's Kingdom and for the New Jerusalem Congregation. Please pray about your own involvement.

Thank you for all that you do!

Together in ministry,
The Rev. Randall A. Cauble
Pastor

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Congregational Suggestions/Concerns:

- New playground
 - The old playground needs to be torn down and replaced.
 - The fence surrounding the playground also needs to either be removed or made bigger. Currently the swings go over the fence.
 - The Property Committee will look into this.

Announcements/Petitions and Communications:

- A local football team will be using the Fellowship Hall. Fifteen students are going through the DARE program each Sunday from September 11 – October 30, then again November 13.
- Thank you notes from The Corner Table and from the Council on Adolescents for recent donations.

Old Business:

- Reviewed Set-up/Sign-up duties for homecoming
 - Money for the altar flowers was collected and the sign-up sheet was reviewed.
 - Those who volunteered to help set up are asked to set up Friday, September 23 instead of Saturday.
- Church website
 - Dennis Weaver presented our new website to the Church Council (<https://njlchickory.com>).
 - There are still a few technical issues.
 - It is running slowly so the Website Committee is looking into how much bandwidth we receive with the provider that is hosting our site.
 - There is currently no “Donate” button on the mobile app.
 - Matthew Lutz is providing website design maintenance based on input from the Website Committee.
 - Some activities, such as uploading the newsletters/bulletins, receipts/responses, and blog entries will be performed by a Website Committee member, Kristy, or Pastor Cauble.
- Youth Person Exploratory Committee
 - The St. Martin’s Lutheran Church Council approved the position. We are now ready for our council to vote.
 - No changes have been made to the proposal since it was first presented.
 - This person will also possibly plan monthly Luther League events for the congregations in our mission district. We met with some of the pastors from the mission district. They all agreed that this was a good idea, but none have made financial commitments yet.
 - **Salem Shannon made a motion to approve a position for a Director of Youth and Family Ministry in partnership with St. Martin’s Lutheran Church. The position and salary would be shared for approximately \$25,750 per year from New Jerusalem's congregation.** This would be a contract for a minimum of three years with a possibility of renewal. Danny Black seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
 - A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, October 2 for the purpose of voting on this position. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin Sundays, September 18 and 25 and copies of the proposal with the job description and financial package will be available in the Gathering Room.
 - Possibilities for funding include the parsonage rent (\$12,000), donations we have in the Current Fund (approximately \$60,000 available), and fundraisers.
- Security Team
 - Met Sunday, September 11 with six people in attendance.
 - The first topic of discussion was the need to re-key the building. Robert Hoyle is checking on this. It will probably cost \$750-\$800. We need to think about how new keys will be distributed.

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- There are not enough members of the team to walk around the premises each Sunday during the service, but someone will walk around before the service begins.
- Dennis Weaver is getting quotes to have cameras installed so we can see what is going on outside the church during the service. A computer would be placed in the sound room. A member of the Security Team could monitor it and call 911 if necessary.
- A Security firm will come and give a free quote. They will recommend the number of cameras needed, where they should be placed, and whether to use Ring cameras or another brand. In order for cameras to be installed, we would also need wiring installed and our Internet service upgraded. We would need repeaters for the Fellowship Hall and the Scout Hut.
- The doors need to remain locked.
 - Right now, the doors are open from 7:15 am when the Council Designate arrives to turn on the air conditioning until people start coming in for Sunday school. The ushers lock them again before the reading of the first lesson.
 - It was suggested that the doors should not be unlocked this early. The Council Designate should turn on the lights and the air conditioning, but the doors should remain locked until closer to the time Sunday school begins.

New Business:

- Designate loose offering:
October 2 – Word of Life Lutheran Church
October 9, 16, 23, 30 – Operation Christmas Child (each box requires \$9 in shipping)
- New members
 - **Pastor Cauble made a motion to accept Greg and Patricia “Trish” Scronce as members of New Jerusalem.** Dennis Bollinger seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
 - With the other new members and the baptisms of Renley Lombardi, Harrison Shannon, and Sadie Southers, we have 19 new members this year.
- Pastor Appreciation
 - October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Last year Pastor Cauble received a \$50 gift card and other members who are pastors received a \$25 gift card. There was no reception.
 - This year the value of the cards will increase to \$75 and \$35 respectively.
 - Pastor Bob Alle, Pastor Harvey Blume, Pastor Steve Johnson, and Pastor Ron Orovitz are the pastors who are currently members of the congregation.
- New Pictorial Directory
 - It is time to consider having a new pictorial directory published since we received 19 new members this year. There are no old ones left to give to new members.
 - Betty Scipione suggested publishing our own. She will bring an example from another church that published their own directory.

Ministries: (Pastor is a member of all committees):

Cemetery Committee (Dennis Bollinger and Billy Young) – No meeting.

Property Committee (John Lutz and Danny Black) –

- Met and discussed general maintenance.
- We are still waiting for information from State Senator Mitchell Setzer concerning the erosion problem at the waterfalls.

Fellowship Committee (leader position still open) –

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Alan Bolch and Garret Turbyfill) –

- The American Heritage Girls treasurer has permission to obtain a debit card rather than using checks.

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- Senior Friends would like to find out if New Jerusalem already has a Sam's Club membership.
- Requests for additions or changes to the budget should be submitted to the Finance Committee (Wayne Cashion or Alan Bolch) prior to 9/27/2022. The committee will be meeting on that date to develop a 2023 budget.

Learning, Youth, and Family Committee (Jan Sorrells) –

- Sunday school kickoff
 - It was light attendance, but we had a good program.
 - We introduced plans to team with the Elks Lodge for Operation Christmas Child.
 - BJ and Jenny Morgan set up sample boxes in the Gathering Room.
 - The plan is to collect money for shipping and items for the boxes. The shoeboxes will be built and packaged during the Fall Fellowship Event Saturday, October 22 beginning at 1:00 pm.
 - The packing of the shoeboxes will be followed by a hot dog supper and Trunk-or-Treating. Anyone who would like to decorate trunks and provide treats are welcome.
- Christmas Play
 - The YAM Sunday school class along with the Learning, Youth, & Family Committee have committed to producing the Christmas play this year.
 - Anyone who would like to be in the play, please see someone in one of these groups.

Long Range Planning Committee/Strategic Planning (Salem Shannon) –

- The annual committee planning meeting held in August went really well. Lunch was served.
- The next quarterly update meeting will be Sunday, October 16 at 8:30 am. Breakfast will be served.

Service Committee (Don Brown) –

- Upcoming Projects
 - The Service Committee is helping with Operation Christmas Child.
 - We are planning to prepare Thanksgiving Box Meals again this year on the same day as the Senior Friends Craft & Bake Sale (Saturday, November 19).

Witness Committee (Randall Cauble and Betty Scipione) –

- The Life-to-Life Discipleship Information Session will be held Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 pm in the Adult Assembly Room. The large group will meet once per week. Small groups will also meet weekly.
- The Chrismon Ministry has made a Chrismon for each new family as a welcome to New Jerusalem as well as one baptismal Chrismon.
- 17 cards have been sent this month.

Worship Committee (Cindy Coulter and Sandra Bollinger) –

- Upcoming Services
 - Thanksgiving service – Sunday, November 20 at the 10:30 am Service of Worship.
 - Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm.
 - A question was raised about whether or not to use fake candles in stead of real candles at the candlelight service this year. When given a choice last year, most people chose real candles.
 - Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 am.
- New members will be recognized during Homecoming Sunday, September 25.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Garret Turbyfill, President

Sandra Bollinger, Secretary

October Birthdays

1 – Stacy Fickling
2 – Adrian Lutz, Karen Craig
5 – Cindy Owensby, Landon Scronce
6 – Sandra Bollinger, Sherry Lutz
8 – Ryan Black
10 – Jeffrey Stephens
11 – Sarah Bowen, Christopher Holland
13 – Tracy Shuford, Robert Lutz, Jeanie Turbyfill
16 – Karen Norris
18 – Robin Bumgarner, Caleb Coleman
19 – Patty Greenhill
20 – Paulette Abernethy
21 – Jerry Whitener, Tanner Lowman
23 – Dennis Weaver
24 – LuEllen Spurrier
26 – Mike Scipione,
27 – JoAnn Hefner
29 – Ruth Perkins
31 – Thad Kanupp, Charlotte Weaver

Thank you for serving in October

Women's Group #1 Tuesday, October 4
6:30 pm, Bollinger/Yount Room

Women's Group #3 Monday, October 3
2:00 pm, Gathering Room
Leader – Betty Orovitz

Council Designate Cindy Coulter

Teller Committee *Cindy Coulter
Billy Young
Wayne Cashion

Altar Committee Dana Hoyle, Chm.
Jenny Morgan
Carolyn Robinson
Carolyn Riggs

Read Lessons Sandra Bollinger

Help with Communion Sandra Bollinger
1st and 3rd Sundays

Acolyte Diana Bumgarner

Flowers in the Church

October 2 Women's Group #3
October 9 Wayne Cashion and Carolyn Miller
October 16 Women's Group #4
October 23 Kay Weaver
October 30 James and Jenny Morgan

Ushers Chip Canupp, Chm.
Danny Black
Ed Kanupp
Rusty Huffman

Tape Ministry

October 2 Robert Hoyle
October 9 & 16 BJ Morgan
October 23 & 30 Connie Bumgarner

Yard Maintenance & Mowing

October 2 Bob, Adrian, and Cody Lutz
October 9 Adrian & Cody Lutz,
Billy Young
October 16 Cody, Adrian, & Bob Lutz
October 23 Billy Young, Adrian Lutz,
Cody Lutz
October 30 Church Volunteers

Looking Ahead

Hanging of the Greens December 4

Christmas Eve
4:00 pm – Candlelight Service



October 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 2 – Green 9 – Green 16 – Green 23 – Green 30 – Red						1
2 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	3 2:00 pm – Women’s Group #3 2:30 – 7:00 pm – Blood Drive	4 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 6:00 pm – Life to Life Discipleship 6:30 pm – Women’s Group #1	5 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 6:30 pm – Christmas Program Interest and Information Session	7	8
9 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	10 6:00 pm – AHG 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	11 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 6:00 pm – Life to Life Discipleship	12 1:00 pm – Senior Friends Trip 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15
16 8:30 am – Long Range Planning Quarterly Check-In 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	17	18 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 6:00 pm – Life to Life Discipleship	19 11:30 am – Senior Friends 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 6:00 pm – Bible Journaling Group	21	22 1:00 pm - Fall Fellowship Event
23 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	24 6:00 pm – AHG	25 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 6:00 pm – Life to Life Discipleship	26 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
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