

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

# News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

January 2023

## The Pastor's Pen

As we near the end of 2022 and the beginning of a new year, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you for the great year we have had as a congregation and to thank our Lord for His never-failing love and guidance. While we continue to come back from the Covid Pandemic, like other congregations God continues to bless us with a new sense of purpose. The purpose is to continue serving our Lord in many and various ways. We are fortunate to have so many people participating in the events of the congregation. However, our need for others to participate is always a concern. As the old saying goes, 20% do 80% of the work. Please think and pray about where you could be more active in the ministries of our congregation. Call or visit shut-in members or nursing home members of the congregation, help with the quarterly blood drives, host a first Sunday birthday celebration, help mow the church yard, rake leaves, serve on a committee, serve on the altar committee, etc. Please fill out a 2023 Commitment Sheet! I look forward to 2023 and know that it will, with God's help, be another banner year for New Jerusalem. We humbly ask for God's blessings in the new year. **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!**

Together in ministry,  
Pastor Cauble

THANK YOU!

On behalf of my family, Vicki, Luke, and Jacob, thank you for the most generous Christmas gift of money we received on Christmas Day. God's blessings to you all in this coming New Year!

Sincerely,  
Pastor Cauble

## Bible Study in January



### Tuesday mornings - 10:00 am

January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

First Samuel

Fellowship Hall

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### Tuesday evenings - 6:00 pm

January 3, 10, and 24

Life-to-Life

Fellowship Hall

## 2022 Yearbook Reports



The deadline for turning in reports for the 2023 yearbook is Tuesday, January 10, 2023. The deadline for treasurer's reports will be Sunday, January 15. Please leave a copy at the church office or email them to Kristy at [secretary@njlchickory.com](mailto:secretary@njlchickory.com). Thank you!

## Help Needed

**UNDECK THE HALLS!**

**TAKING DOWN  
CHRISTMAS  
DECORATIONS**

**Asking for volunteers  
to come help take down  
and pack up**

**Christmas decorations!  
Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 pm**

**\*Refreshments Provided**

## Lutherans for Life

North Carolina Lutherans for Life

Presents

Annual Life Seminar:

**Making A Difference for Life in  
North Carolina**

Featuring

**William (Bill) Pincus, M.D.**

President, North Carolina Right to Life

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

2:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

2126 St. John's Church

Conover, North Carolina 28613

## Pictorial Directory



**Sunday, January 8**, is the last Sunday to have your family's picture taken for our new pictorial directory. Pictures will be taken in the Gathering Room at 9:00 am and immediately following the Service of Worship. Please contact the church office if you need to schedule your pictures to be taken at a different time.

## Thank You



Dear Church Family,  
Thank you from Linda Lutz for all the cards and prayers during this Christmas season.



Sandra Bollinger would like to express her thanks to all of the individuals who helped decorate our church for Advent/Christmas and those individuals who participated in the 2022 Hanging of the Greens Program. Thank you for your willingness to help make the Christmas Season more meaningful for each of us. Also a big thank you to those who attended the Congregation Covered Dish Supper. It was a great meal! Thank you to the Lutheran Men and Women for hosting and serving during the supper.



Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and phone calls we have received during Tommy's recovery. We miss you all and soon hope to be back.

Thank you,  
Tommy & Glenda Mitchell



To my second church family,  
First I would like to thank the congregation and council for the generous Amazon gift card I received for Christmas this year. Even more, I would like to thank all of you for your encouragement and support throughout this year. It has been a rough year for my family with the death of my sister-in-law and the quick progression of my mom's Parkinson's Disease. I have been overwhelmed by the number of you who have sent cards and called to check on me throughout the year. I say it every year, but I truly am blessed to work for such a caring congregation.

With love,  
Kristy Painter

## From the Security Team

After the worship service begins each Sunday, the ushers will lock all doors. If you need access to the nursery, please see an usher and they will escort you to the nursery during the service.

## Fellowship Committee



The Church Council is looking for the right person to head up the Fellowship Committee. We are in need of an enthusiastic person who will be willing to plan and carry out, with the help of an enthusiastic committee, the Fellowship events of the congregation. If you are interested, please let Pastor Cauble know.

## Blood Drive



### American Red Cross

### **Blood Drive** **New Jerusalem** **Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall  
2120 Startown Rd.  
Hickory, NC 28602

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:30 PM to 7:00 PM**

# Collection of School Supplies



Kleenexes



Hand Sanitizer  
(8 fl. oz. or larger)



Sanitizing Wipes\*\*



Lysol Spray\*\*

**\*\* Most requested/needed items!**

**Thank you for helping to support our Lutheran Women's Project for January & February. All supplies will go to a local needy school.**

We appreciate donations of any amount (including money\* to make purchases) which includes these specific items: **Kleenexes, Hand sanitizer, Sanitizing wipes and Lysol spray.** Let's keep our schools healthy and on-task! These items will be collected through **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*Monetary donations may be given to the Lutheran Women's**

**President Sandra Bollinger or to Treasurer Glenda Shook.**

*Thank you so much for reaching out to help others!  
New Jerusalem Lutheran Women*



## Highlights

- Free will offering was collected.
- A brief meeting was held.
- Finalized numbers for our field trip to Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on December 15, 2022.
- *Congratulations* and recognition to The Rev. Ron Orovitz as he celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in ministry on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Bake & Craft Sale: \$2,800 raised.**
- Provided opportunities for those present to make suggestions on possible recipients of funds from the above sale. Suggestions due by the January meeting and to be voted on at our February meeting.
- **Soup and sandwich meal is planned for our January 18, 2023 meeting.** The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room.
- January will be our **BINGO meeting**. Participants are asked to bring 2-3 wrapped gifts. Value of each gift is \$5. Please write on the outside of the gift if it is appropriate for a Male, Female or Either. ***Come one, Come all!***
- A new listing of monthly hostesses will be distributed at the January meeting (begins in February).
- January Hostesses are Linda Lutz, Kristy Painter and Teresa Vanderlinden.

Senior Friends agreed to host a meal on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 12.**



We will provide the **soup and sandwich lunch for the congregation** in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service. The sign-up sheet for the meal will be completed at our January meeting. Mark your calendars now to join us for our **Soup-er Bowl Sunday meal!**

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2023.  
We hope you'll be able to join us!**



# Church Council Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 12, 2022

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

The December 2022 Church Council Meeting was held December 12, 2022. All members of Church Council were in attendance. Also in attendance were the four newly elected Council members. The meeting was called to order by President Garret Turbyfill. Pastor Cauble opened with the prayer. Salem Shannon has devotions in January 2023. Alan Bolch was the Council Designate in November and had nothing to report. The minutes for the council meeting held November 14, 2022, the congregational meeting held November 20, 2022 and called church council meeting held November 27, 2022 were approved as written.

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

Current: \$96,188.45	Benevolence: \$18,693.36	Youth: \$2,480.35	Lutheran Men: \$657.45	Phillips Fund Checking: \$9,948.89
Available: \$32,679.04	Cemetery: \$11,108.75	Women's: \$836.83	Mauser Fund CD: \$79,893.05	Phillips Fund CD: \$22,000.00
Building: \$152,708.60	Cemetery CD: \$5,490.99			

## **Pastor's Report (November 2022):**

Pastoral Contacts – 41; including - Home Visits – 9  
Hospital Visits – 10  
Nursing Home Visits – 2  
Pastor's Study – 2  
Other – 18

Services of Worship – 4

Meetings – 24

Classes Taught – 7

Officiated at one funeral service for Jerry Lail on November 18, 2022.

The closer we get to Christmas and the end of the year, the busier it gets. We have certainly had a busy schedule lately with more events to come. Thank you to all who have been involved with the recent events. We had great participation with the distribution of the Thanksgiving boxes and the Senior Friends bake and craft sale. We also had good participation with the decorating of the Chrismon Tree and the sanctuary. Once again, thank you to all!

As I write this report, we are just a few days away from our Christmas Play, Elf. Many thanks to all who have made this presentation possible. In a relatively short amount of time, we put together a very meaningful play.

Welcome to our four recently elected council members: Deron Bumgarner, Lisa Cook, Danny Sorrells, and Karen Teague. I appreciate the work of the retiring members: Sandra Bollinger, Don Brown, Cindy Coulter, and Billy Young. I would like to install the new council members on Sunday, January 8, 2023. Thank you for all that you do!

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

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### **Congregational Suggestions/Concerns:**

- Question/Concern raised if congregation is aware that donations can be made to the Stephen Mauser Mowing Fund. Suggestion made to publicize it more in the spring when mowing season begins.
- Question raised if the Stephen Mauser Mowing Fund should be included in the Cemetery Fund.
- Cindy Coulter informed the Council of an upcoming request for some needed purchases for the Handbell Choir and funding concerns. No action taken at this time.

### **Announcements/Petitions and Communications:**

- Petition to Council to give a memorial for The Rev. Dr. Jacob Larry Yoder. **Dennis Bollinger made the motion to give a \$300 memorial in his memory to The McDaniel-Yoder Center for Theology of the Carolinas Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church: Carolinas Mission Region, P.O. Box 6381, Hickory, NC 28603.** The motion was seconded by John Lutz. *The motion was approved to give a \$300 memorial to The McDaniel-Yoder Center in memory of Yoder.*
- Reminder: Submit End-of-Year reports for the yearbook by Tuesday, January 10. Email these to Kristy using 1-inch margins and a 12-point Tahoma font. Treasurer's reports need to be submitted by Sunday, January 15.
- Matter of Information: Senior Friends is hosting a Super Bowl Sunday lunch for the congregation on Sunday, February 12, 2023 following the 10:30 Worship Service. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

### **Old Business:**

- New Pictorial Directory – About 17 pictures so far. Jan Sorrells is to contact Kristy to possibly send out a phone tree reminder about picture dates.
- Security Team – Next meeting of team to be in January. Want to especially focus on Wi-Fi and cameras. Discussed several concerns to also be brought to their January meeting. Stressed after worship service begins to lock all doors, if you need access to a building see an usher and an usher should escort a parent and child to the nursery during service to make sure they have access to the nursery. Recommended running this reminder about nursery escort in the next newsletter.

### **New Business:**

- Designate loose offering:
  - January 1 – Word of Life Lutheran Church
  - January 8 & 15 – American Red Cross
  - January 22 & 29 – ECCCM
- Will continue to designate first Sunday loose offering to Word of Life Lutheran Church
- Calendar for designating loose offering to be distributed to council members in January
- Seeking a Contact person for renter of the parsonage. Renter should not be contacting church secretary or pastor when there is a problem or concern. John Lutz was asked to try and find a copy of the parsonage lease and bring it to the January council meeting for evaluation. Suggestion was made to give a brief job description for the Contact person.
- **Billy Young made the motion to renew Garret Turbyfill's 3-year term as trustee for the Phillips Fund.** (His current term ends Dec. 2022). The motion was seconded by Pastor Cauble. *The motion carried.*

- 2023 Planning
  - Elected 2023 officers
    - President – Garret Turbyfill
    - Vice President – Betty Scipione
    - Secretary – Lisa Cook
    - Current Treasurer – Alan Bolch
    - Building Fund Treasurer – Billy Young
    - Benevolence Fund Treasurer – Danny Black
  - 2023 Council Designates
    - January – Salem Shannon
    - February – Danny Sorrells
    - March – Deron Bumgarner
    - April – Danny Black
    - May – Karen Teague
    - June – Betty Scipione
    - July – John Lutz
    - August – Garret Turbyfill
    - September – Jan Sorrells
    - October – Lisa Cook
    - November – Alan Bolch
    - December – Dennis Bollinger
  - Committees
    - Committee Assignments
      - Cemetery – Dennis Bollinger
      - Property – John Lutz, Danny Black
      - Fellowship –
      - Finance/Stewardship – Alan Bolch, Garret Turbyfill, Deron Bumgarner
      - Learning – Jan Sorrells, Lisa Cook
      - Long Range Planning – Salem Shannon, Danny Sorrells
      - Service – Karen Teague
      - Witness – Betty Scipione
      - Worship – Pastor Cauble, Betty Scipione

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

Cemetery Committee (Dennis Bollinger, Billy Young)

- No meeting.

Property Committee (John Lutz, Danny Black) –

- Have received a request to extend the handrail down the steps at the drive through.

Fellowship Committee (leader position still open) –

- Recommend running it in the bulletin again that we are seeking a chair for this committee.
- Reviewed and updated Fellowship Events for 2023. They are to be listed in the 2023 Yearbook.

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

- Noted budget is pretty much on track for December.



- Consensus of the council to roll over unused Seminary Scholarship budget (\$2,308.00) to alleviate Benevolence budget shortfall (if there is any) at the end of year. As of 11/30/2022 we are \$1,641.00 below budget for the year. Stressed need to investigate more in 2023 for individual(s) needing Seminary Support.
- Parsonage rent is to be deposited in the Current Fund account beginning in January 2023.
- Cemetery Fund: Question raised about rolling over the Cemetery Fund to become a line item under the Current Fund. Council asked Garret Turbyfill (Cemetery Treasurer) to research state laws regarding having a separate Cemetery fund versus being a line item. This will be placed on the January agenda.

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

- Trying to reactivate Youth Groups.
- Had five attend the Pin Station bowling trip on Sunday. Other events are planned.

Long Range Planning Committee (Salem Shannon) –

- Meeting planned for January.
- Will be sending out 2023 goals for final editing. Any changes need to be submitted by January 10 to both Kristy and Salem.
- Each committee's goals will be printed in the 2023 Yearbook.

Service Committee (Don Brown)

- Collected 49 pounds of food this month.
- Thanksgiving meal boxes were provided for 38 families (195 people within those families).
- All Angel Tree names have been taken. Pay attention to the sheet you received with your child's name on it. Gifts for local children were due back Sunday, December 11. Gifts for children from Loris are due next Sunday, December 18. Lisa and Allen Cook will be delivering the gifts to Loris.
- 137 shoeboxes were packed for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.
- Next blood drive, January 9, 2023.

Witness Committee (Betty Scipione) – No meeting. Thirty-five cards have been sent.

Worship Committee (Cindy Coulter, Sandra Bollinger) – No meeting held.

- Thanksgiving Service held in the AM.
- Printed booklets for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
- Upcoming communion services: Dec. 18-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Dec. 24-Christmas Eve, Sunday/Dec. 25-Christmas Day and Sunday/Jan. 1-New Year's Day.
- Hanging of the Greens: About 25 attended the meal (sponsored by Lutheran Men & Women) and about 62 the 7:00 pm Service. Question was asked if we would ever consider doing it at a 10:30 morning worship service.
- Fourteen people came to help decorate the chrismon tree and sanctuary. Decorations will be removed on Tuesday, January 3. Announcement to be run in bulletin and newsletter.

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Location to be announced.**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Garret Turbyfill, President

Sandra Bollinger, Secretary

## January Birthdays

1 – Matthew Barger, Charlie Hoyle  
3 – Carol Lutz, Diane Lutz  
4 – Cindy Lutz, Wade Mauser  
5 – Alex Hayman  
7 – Richard Arrowood  
8 – Barbara Lael  
11 – Kirsten Lutz  
13 – Chad Kanipe, Ronnie McGee  
14 – Holli Abernethy  
15 – Danny Black  
16 – Gene Mauser, Bryan Poovey  
17 – Dale Hefner, Richard Dameron  
18 – Randy Bumgarner, Amy Mauser,  
Tommy Mitchell, Brandy (Bumgarner) Cline  
19 – Steve Johnson  
21 – Pat Bell  
23 – Elaine Garner, Tommy Greenhill  
24 – Chance Carden, Memphis Elliott Wilson  
25 – Matthew Martin  
26 – Carolyn Robinson  
27 – Angela Kanipe  
30 – Rachel Hoyle  
31 – Jonah Temple

## Read Lessons

Kirsten Lutz

## Help with Communion

Garret Turbyfill

## Acolyte

Diana Bumgarner

## Flowers in the Church

Jan. 1

Rusty Lutz

Jan. 8

Paulette Abernethy

Jan. 15

Carolyn Robinson

Jan. 22

Janet Dameron

Jan. 29

Open

## Ushers

Wesley Reid, Chm.

John Lutz

Garret Turbyfill

## Tape Ministry

Jan. 1

BJ Morgan

Jan. 8

BJ Morgan

Jan. 15

Connie Bumgarner

Jan. 22

Connie Bumgarner

Jan. 29

Robert Hoyle

## Thank You for Serving in January...

### New Jerusalem Lutheran Women

Group 1 Monday, January 9 – 6:30 pm  
Bollinger/Yount Room

Group 3 Monday, Jan. 2 – 2:00 pm  
Gathering Room  
Leader – Carolyn Robinson

Group 4 Monday, Jan. 2 – 7:00 pm  
Gathering Room  
Hostess/Leader – Vicki Cauble

**Council Designate** Salem Shannon

**Teller Committee** \*Salem Shannon  
John Lutz  
Billy Young

**Altar Committee** Julie Temple, Chm.  
Dana Hoyle  
Janet Spinks  
Kay Weaver

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.  
Colossians 3:16

# January 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 1 – White    22 – Green 8 – White    29 – Green 15 – Green						
<b>1 New Year's Day</b> <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday school <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Holy Communion	<b>2</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> – Women's Group #3 <b>7:00 pm</b> – Women's Group #4	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study <b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers <b>6:00 pm</b> – Life-to-Life Discipleship <b>6:30 pm</b> – Taking down the Chrismon Tree	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> – Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:00 am</b> – Pictures taken for pictorial directory <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday school <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Worship <b>Following worship</b> - Pictures taken for pictorial directory	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> – American Heritage Girls <b>6:30 pm</b> – Church Council Meeting <b>6:30 pm</b> – Women's Group #1	<b>10</b> <b>Deadline for Yearbook Reports</b> <b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study <b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers <b>6:00 pm</b> – Life-to-Life Discipleship	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> – Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday school <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Holy Communion <b>Deadline for Treasurers' Reports</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study <b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> – Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday school <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Worship	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> – American Heritage Girls (Fellowship Hall)	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study <b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers <b>6:00 pm</b> – Life-to-Life Discipleship	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> – Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday school <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study <b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers				