



News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

June 2023

The Pastor's Pen

The Official Start of Ordinary Time

The calendar tells us that it is almost Memorial Day, the unofficial start of summer. Folks will be heading off on much needed vacations and get-aways. Everyone needs to do this. On the Church Calendar, we are moving into what is called Ordinary Time. It is the “green season” of growth in the faith as we hear the stories about Jesus and his ministry. According to The Ultimate Guide to Ordinary Time, “when we think of liturgical seasons we typically think of the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. These seasons celebrate what would be thought of as “The Main Event.” Namely, the incarnation, birth, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Seems like there isn’t much to celebrate after that, right? Wrong! The 33 or 34 weeks of Ordinary Time (the Sundays After Pentecost) contain the rest of Jesus’ earthly ministry and some major events of the Gospels we have come to know and love. The miracles, the parables, the calling of the twelve, the sermon on the mount, the bread of life discourse... we get all that and more during this season. Truly, there is much to celebrate in Ordinary Time.”

Why the word Ordinary?

Again, according to The Ultimate Guide to Ordinary Time, “Ordinary, in this context, comes from the Latin term *ordinalis*, meaning ‘numbered’ or ‘ruled’. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. Sure, we have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the Church Year. But those special occasions aren’t the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of Christ than what we celebrate in other liturgical seasons.”

Early Services in June



Sunday, June 11 – 8:30 am
Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, June 25 – 8:30 am
Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

Invite others to come worship
with us!



High School Graduates

Emily Marie Bumgarner will be an honor graduate at Tree of Life Christian Academy, where her studies have focused on training Godly leaders and inspiring young entrepreneurs. This past school year, Emily was invited to be a part of the hands-on business training school within a school, The Solomon Institute. She has accomplished what many students never do- graduating high school in a three-year period. Emily has excelled in all of her studies, and is ready to launch her online-boutique this fall. She will begin her career as a teacher's assistant at Tree of Life Christian Academy in the middle-school classroom. In addition, she will be taking an 18-month skin formulator's course to become certified in organic cosmetics and skin care through the School of Natural Skincare in Great Britain. She will not only use those skills to create her own brand and product-line, but she will also be teaching those skills to the Solomon Institute students in the 2024-2025 school year. Emily has earned multiple awards at TOLCA (some of which will not be announced until next week) but she has faithfully served on the Student Advisory Board, attended multiple Chamber of Commerce functions, such as weekly Leads groups, the Women's Leadership Conference, and the Annual Meeting. Emily will graduate June 16, 2023.

Lauren Reid will be graduating summa cum laude from Fred T Foard high school this upcoming Thursday. She will be attending Lenoir-Rhyne University in the fall, pursuing a double major in English literature and general psychology.

Bachelor's Degrees

Matthew Barger graduated Saturday, May 13, 2023 from Berklee College of Music, Boston MA with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Production and Engineering, graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Natalie Lail graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne University in three years with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She had the highest GPA in her class. Natalie has signed a letter of intent and will be teaching at an elementary school this fall.

Letters of Thanks

Thank You!

To my New Jerusalem family,
I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful wishes and the **MANY** cards that I received for my birthday! I feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Love,
Connie Bumgarner

Dear New Jerusalem Church Family,

Thank You!

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you so much for the cards and prayers.

The Family of Tommy Mitchell

Thank You!

Dear New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and peace lily following Mike's passing. It is always easier to bear knowing so much support is there when needed. Thank you again for your kindness.

The Family of Michael Lail

Lutheran Men Breakfast Meeting



MEN'S GROUP

The Lutheran Men will meet Sunday morning, June 4, at 8:00 am for breakfast at Golden Corral on Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard.

Invitation



*Join us as we celebrate
W.R. & Connie Bumgarner*

65 Wonderful Years Together

*Saturday, June 24th, 2023
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (floating)
New Jerusalem Lutheran Church*

*Light refreshments will be provided.
No gifts please.*

Solid Rock Day Camp



Sunday, July 23 – Time TBD
Counselor Meet & Greet/Cookout

Monday, July 24 – Thursday July 27
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday – Time TBD
Closing Program/Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 28
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Only 10 slots remaining!
Contact Kristy at the church office
(secretary@njlchickory.com) to register.

Senior Friends Highlights



Wednesday, May 17, 2023 Meeting



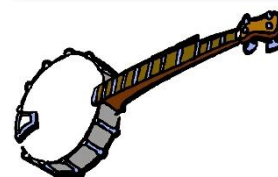
Senior Friends and guests gathered in the red, white, and blue decorated area (in recognition of the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday) with **thirty people present**. We had six visitors and our guest speaker. Devotions were given by Barbara Hamrick. (June will be Teresa Vanderlinden.)

The May program was presented by Phil Williams. He gave a review of the **Highways & Hedges Program**. Their mission is to help the Homeless and Needy of our area with essential household and personal items as needed and requested. Their operating territory covers Catawba, Caldwell, Burke, Alexander, Iredell and Lincoln Counties. Their ministry is all-volunteers and operates on gifts of clothing, appliances, furniture of all types, dishes, pots and pans, hospital beds and much more. Everything they do is free...**From Your Hands...Through our Hands...To Needy Hands...**

- Completed final sign-up for food items for the **Congregation cookout on Sunday, June 11th** (following 10:30 worship)—hosted by Senior Friends. This sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. **Freewill offering will be collected at the cookout** and is being designated for the **Council on Aging**.



- Free will offering was collected.
- Update on May 25th trip to Mt. Airy:** We have around 35 people planning on attending.
- Senior Friends next trip will hopefully be near the end of summer to the Barn Dinner theater in Greensboro. Date & information to come.
- Hodgepodge basket:** Shared pictures from our finished basket and thanked those involved in preparing it for the Corner Table Auction. The finished basket is pictured here.
- Rev. Harwood Smith was the winner of the hanging basket, donated by Gerald & Evelyn Ferguson.
- Matter of Information: On July 9, our postage is supposed to go up again. (Regular postage stamps will go to 66 cents.) Better buy your forever stamps now!
- Our program for the June meeting is banjo music provided by Judy Vanes' grandson Ethan.
- June hostesses are Linda Lutz, Glenda Shook and Kay Weaver.

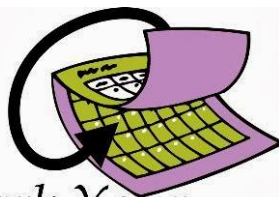


**Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 21st at 11:30.
Hope to see you there!**

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IT'S ALMOST HERE!

Members and Friends of New Jerusalem:



Mark Your Calendar



You are invited to join us for some good food and fellowship on **Sunday, June 11th** (following the 10:30 Worship Service). Senior Friends is hosting a **Hamburger/Hotdog**



Cookout (with all the trimmings) in the Fellowship Hall. A freewill donation will be collected and all money received will be donated to the Council on Aging. *You don't want to miss this fun event!*

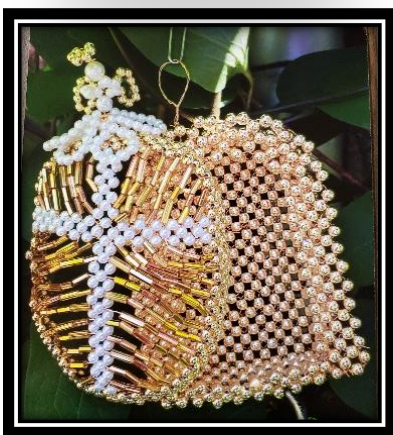
Our Chrismon Journey

CRYSTAL GREEK RESURRECTION CROSS



Various forms of the cross were used as symbols, religious or otherwise, long before the Christian Era. The many styles and variations of processional, altar, and carved and painted crosses in churches are developments of these four types: The Latin Cross—which looks like a lower case “t”; St. Anthony’s cross or Tau cross looks like a capital “T”, St. Andrew’s cross looks like an “X” and finally the *Greek cross*. They are recognized by having arms of equal length — as shown here. The **Resurrection Cross can take any shape or form, but usually is seen without a body.** The cross itself has no saving power, but it symbolizes what Jesus did for us. Jesus’ death on the cross was as an atoning sacrifice for our sin.

THE EMPTY TOMB



Matthew 28: 1-7 sets the biblical background when Mary went to the tomb and is greeted by an angel saying “Do not be afraid...He is not here; He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you.” You see the stone in the front of the tomb has been rolled away and the angel is on top. The tomb is empty. That this body was placed in a tomb signifies that truly Jesus had died. That the tomb was found empty three days later points to Jesus' resurrection. The empty tomb tells us that the grave could not hold Jesus. He bodily rose from the grave. Jesus demonstrated his mastery over death and it holds promise for believers as well; that we also will have victory over death. The empty tomb demonstrates that death is not the end of the journey. There is much more to come.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

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

The May 2023 Church Council Meeting was held May 8, 2023. All members of Church Council were in attendance except Salem Shannon. The meeting was called to order by President Garret Turbyfill. Karen Teague led devotions. Betty Scipione will lead the devotions in June. Danny Black was the council designate in April and stated that everything went smoothly. The minutes for the council meeting held April 10, 2023, were approved as written.

Treasurer Reports were received as information and show the following month end balances.

Current: \$53,575.02	Benevolence: \$19,554.86	Youth: \$2,405.85	Lutheran Men: \$729.97	Phillips Fund Checking: \$9,790.63
Available: \$36,304.41	Current CD: \$60,000.00	Women's: \$561.08	Mauser Fund CD: \$80,305.75	Phillips Fund CD: \$22,003.62
Building: \$152,936.38	Cemetery CD: \$15,491.89			

Pastor's Report (April 2023):

Pastoral Contacts – 53; including - Home Visits – 4
Hospital Visits – 13
Nursing Home Visits – 2
Pastor's Study – 15
Other – 19

Services of Worship – 9

Meetings – 21

Classes Taught – 8

April was a busy month with Holy Week and Easter services of worship. Our attendance at these services was good. Thank you to everyone who helped make them major successes. We had a wonderful Easter egg hunt for our little ones on the day before Easter. Again, thank you to all who made it a great success.

The first Outdoor Service of Holy Communion will be held this coming Sunday, May 14, weather permitting. If the weather does not permit us to be outside, we will worship in the Adult Assembly Room.

I will be taking my first full week of vacation for the year, June 12-19. Pastor Steve Johnson will be on standby and will preach and lead worship on June 18. I will be back in office on June 20.

Please be aware that Day Camp will once again be offered this year, July 24-28. If you know any youth who might be interested, please invite them. We have the registration material in the office. Thank you for all that you do!

Together in ministry,

The Rev. Randall A. Cauble, Pastor

Congregational Suggestions/Concerns:

- The Gathering Room
 - The Gathering Room needs to be deep cleaned (move furniture and get in corners, etc.).
 - The sofas look a little tattered and need to be replaced.
 - John Lutz will talk to Mark Mitchell to see if he has an upholstery cleaner before replacing the sofas to see if that helps. He will also talk to Mark about deep cleaning that area.

Announcements/Petitions and Communications: None

Old Business:

- Electronic Sign
 - A motion from the previous council meeting was already on the floor to purchase a new electronic sign for \$6,300 plus the cost of installation. The installation cost would be \$1,000. After some discussion, a paper ballot vote was taken and the *motion passed with 8 affirming and 3 dissenting votes*.
 - Dennis and Sandra Bollinger offered to pay for the sign in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. A plaque stating that it is given in honor of their anniversary will be placed in the Gathering Room near the nativity scene and hand bell dedication plaques.
- Outdoor Worship Area Update
 - We are still waiting for government approval.
- Youth Person Search Committee Report
 - We are trying to work out a time to have a joint meeting with St. Martin's council along with the candidate.
- AED Pads
 - The adult pads were delivered and have been installed. Everything is now up to date.
 - Council decided not to purchase pediatric pads because it would take too long to change them out if someone was actually in an emergency situation. The CPR trainer said to use whatever is in the machine.

New Business:

- Automatic door opener for Gathering Room
 - We received a quote for \$4,100.22.
 - We need to find out if this includes a push plate on the inside and on the outside (upon entrance and exit).
 - Council members were asked to speak with members of the congregation to see if there is interest. Kristy will put it on next month's agenda to discuss again.

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

Cemetery Committee (Dennis Bollinger) – No report.

Property Committee (John Lutz, Danny Black)

- Parsonage Rent
 - Met with the family who rents the parsonage. They asked if we would consider increasing the rent to \$1,100 rather than \$1,200. They also asked that we clean out the gutters.

- **Pastor Cauble made a motion to raise the parsonage rent to \$1,100 with the stipulation that they sign a new lease agreement which will state that the cost of rent will be reviewed yearly.** Lisa Cook seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Fellowship Committee (leader position still open)

- Mother's Day
 - Mothers will be recognized Sunday, May 14.
 - Hershey candy bars will be given to all mothers and a \$25 gift card will be given to the oldest and youngest mothers.
- Birthday Celebrations
 - The YAM class did a great job with the birthday celebration in May.
 - We still need birthday celebration hosts for July and August.

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Alan Bolch, Deron Bumgarner, Garret Turbyfill)

- Status of purchase of CDs
 - The Building CD has not been completed, but all others were finalized April 21.
- Update on Copier(s) cost
 - The copier was purchased June 2022.
 - The savings will cause us to break even by the end of this year.

Learning, Youth, and Family Committee (Lisa Cook, Jan Sorrells)

- No meeting.
- Graduate recognition will be Sunday, May 21.
- Updated after the council meeting:
 - We have two college graduates (Matthew Barger and Natalie Lail)
 - We have two high school graduates (Emily Bumgarner and Lauren Reid).
- There will be no reception.

Long Range Planning Committee (Salem Shannon)

- Met Sunday, April 23 and had a good showing for the quarterly check-in meeting.

Service Committee (Karen Teague)

- We donated 28 pounds of food to ECCCM this month.

Witness Committee (Betty Scipione)

- 12-18 cards have been sent.
- Pastor Cauble is visiting two prospective new families this week. Please make sure to welcome them.
- Ken Temple will be the Witness Committee's contact person for the Website Committee.

Worship Committee (Pastor Cauble, Betty Scipione)

- Homecoming changed from the 4th Sunday to the 3rd Sunday in September due to a scheduling conflict with our guest pastor, Pastor Bill White.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Garret Turbyfill, President

Lisa Cook, Secretary

June Birthdays

2 – Mary Ann Lail, Pete Lutz, Jennifer Bumgarner
3 – Carson Kanipe
5 – Terry Evans, Sarah Scronce
6 – George Lutz
8 – Sarah Lail, Vivian Bumgarner, Tori Lutz
9 – Linzey Marley
10 – Frank Whitener, Pressley Kiser
11 – Shay Bollinger, Lauren Bullard, Jennifer Stephens, Donna Barger, Preston Seitz, Betty Purgeson
13 – Joshua Riggs
14 – Buddy Rader, Madison Clark
16 – Katelyn Rousey
17 – Maggie Kanipe
19 – Marty Kanupp
21 – Emma Davis
25 – Stacy Bollinger, Eli Kanipe, Emma Cave
26 – Jamie Yount
28 – Judy Hildebran

Thank You for Serving in June

Council Designate Betty Scipione
Lutheran Men June 4 – 8:00 am
Glenn Seitz Memorial Breakfast
Gold Corral
Lutheran Women
Women's Group #1 June 6, 6:30 pm
Gathering Room
Women's Group #3 June 5, 2:00 pm
Gathering Room
Leader – Doris Lutz
Women's Group #4 June 5, 7:00 pm
Gathering Room
Hostess – Debbie McGee
Leader – Sandra Bollinger
Quarterly Meeting Monday, June 26, 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Group 4 will host the meeting.
Teller Committee *Betty Scipione
Alan Bolch

Altar Committee

Carolyn Robinson, Chm.
Connie Bumgarner
Lisa Cook
Karen Teague

Pastor's Assistant

Chip Canupp

Flowers in the Church

June 4 Greg and Trish Scronce
June 11 Yvonne Abernethy
June 18 Ken and Julie Temple
June 25 Lutheran Men

Ushers

Dennis Bollinger, Chm.
Thad Scronce
Landon Scronce
Charlie Hoyle

Tape Ministry

June 4 Robert Hoyle
June 11 Robert Hoyle
June 18 BJ Morgan
June 25 BJ Morgan

Yard Maintenance & Mowing

June 4 Brian Riggs Family
June 11 Allen Cook, Jose Barba
June 18 Jim Purgeson, Craig Coleman
June 25 Ken Temple, W.R. Bumgarner

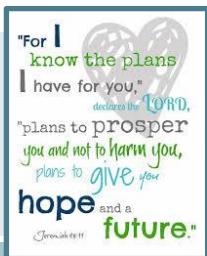
Looking Ahead

Day Camp

July 23 – Counselor Meet & Greet/Cookout
July 24-27 – Day Camp (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)
July 27 – Closing Program and Ice Cream Social
July 28 – Day Camp (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Homecoming

September 17
Pastor Bill White will preach



June 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 8:00 am – Lutheran Men Glenn Seitz' Memorial Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	5 2:00 pm – Women's Group #2 7:00 pm – Women's Group #4	6 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters 6:00 pm – Bible Study 7:00 pm – Women's Group #1	7	8	9	10
11 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	12 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	13 6:00 pm – Life-to-Life Discipleship	14	15	16	17
Pastor Cauble on Vacation						
18 Father's Day Pastor Cauble on Vacation 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	19	20 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters 6:00 pm – Bible Study	21 11:30 am – Senior Friends	22	23	24
25 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	26 7:00 pm – Lutheran Women Quarterly Meeting	27 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters 6:00 pm – Life-to-Life Discipleship 6:00 pm – Bible Study	28	29	30	