



News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

June 2024

The Pastor's Pen

The Official Start of Ordinary Time

Recently, I was driving and saw a Florida license plate that stated at the bottom, Endless Summer. I am sure that in Florida it feels like endless summer with warm, even hot weather, all the time. In Catawba County, we are blessed with maybe four or five months of summer weather, June, July, August, September, and some of October. But that's about it. I hope that all of you will be able to enjoy some summer weather while on vacation this year. Maybe you are going to the beach, the mountains, on a cruise or somewhere even more exotic. I wish to challenge you that wherever you go, you worship. Yes, remember those days, leaving home on Sunday morning, and stopping at a church on the way to the beach for both Sunday school and worship. It didn't matter whether the church was Lutheran, Baptist, or somewhere in between, we would stop. I would like you to bring me a bulletin from the service, not to prove that you attended somewhere but to see what kind of service they have. I am always looking for new ideas to enrich our worship life. I am also curious as to what is going on in other denominations and churches. Many of these bulletins contain interesting program ideas as well as the service of worship. So, I hope that everyone has a great summer and don't forget

dear old New Jerusalem with your tithes and offerings. AND PLEASE, BRING ME A BULLETIN FROM YOUR TRIP. In advance, thank you!

Together in ministry,

Pastor Cauble

Early Services in June



Sunday, June 9 – 8:30 am
Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, June 23 – 8:30 am
Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

Invite others to come worship
with us!



High School Graduates

Sadie Hoyle

Sadie is a recent high school graduate of Solar City Christian Academy. Over the last two years, she has been dual-enrolled at Catawba Valley Community College, and on May 10, 2024, received her Associate in Arts degree with high honors. During her time at CVCC, she was highly involved in the Student Leadership Academy, earning an award for being a member. Sadie will be attending Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, in the fall. She is majoring in Marketing and hopes to work in sports advertising in the future.

Cody Lutz

Cody graduated from Fred T Foard High School on May 23. While attending high school, Cody also earned college credits from CVCC in Fire Protection Technology. Since his junior year at Fred T Foard, Cody has been a Junior Volunteer with the Mountain View Fire Department where he also received training in Fire and Rescue. Cody plans to continue studying Fire Protection Technology at CVCC and will begin his career with the Fire Department.

Upcoming Trip with Senior Friends

Are the mountains calling your name?



Does breakfast at Daniel Boone Inn in Boone sound appealing?



...and we know you'd probably love to spend some time at the Original Mast General Store in Valle Crucis and the next-door shop Rivercross Made in USA (all items made in USA and many by local artisans...pottery, paintings, jewelry, woven works, and more.) Our final stop as we come down the mountain is Dairi-O in Lenoir (with hotdogs, burgers, wraps, salads, and more, plus over 30 flavors of premium ice cream.)

WHO: Senior Friends and Guests

(Translated: We're open to everybody that can go.)

When: Friday, June 21, 2024. Depart from NJLC at 7:00 AM.

Cost: Daniel Boone Inn (\$16.95 + tax & tip—you pay there!)

Suggestion: You might want to bring cash. We're hearing mixed comments if they will accept debit/credit cards.

Other purchases are at your discretion.

How: We are using the **church bus** (Cost: \$5 per person—pay while you're traveling on the bus) **and personal vehicles**. Several volunteers to drive have already signed up.

Reservation Deadline: If you want on the list to go, we need your name by THURSDAY, JUNE 13 so we can make reservations for the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone. Please notify either Sandra Bollinger or Barbara Hamrick.

Hamburger/Hotdog Cookout

Members and Friends of New Jerusalem: *Kick off the summer right!*



You are invited to join us for some good food and fellowship on **Sunday, June 9th** (following the



Mark Your Calendar



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 Recovery Court and Salvation Army Food Pantry.

We promise you don't want to miss this fun event and you won't go away hungry!

Lutheran Men Family Fishing Event



Lutheran Men will hold our annual Family Fishing Outing Sunday, June 2, at Carolyn Robinson's pond from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Kids and adults come and catch a big fish! We will have drinks and snacks.

Solid Rock Day Camp



Monday, June 17 – Thursday, June 20
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday – Time TBD
Closing Program/Pizza Dinner

Friday, June 21
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Contact Kristy at the church office
(secretary@njlchickory.com) to register.

If you would like to donate snacks for the campers, cook dinner for the counselors, or provide a gift card for counselors' dinners, please contact Kristy at the church office (email secretary@njlchickory.com or call 828-324-2727)

Senior Friends Highlights



Wednesday, May 15, 2024

NJLC Senior Friends meeting was held on Wednesday, May 15 at 11:30 with **25 people present** (24 members & guest speaker). Teresa Vanderlinden presented the devotions. Eight May birthdays were recognized and one anniversary. Pastor Harwood Smith gave the meal prayer.

Melanie Sigmon provided the program on "Fall & Fire Protection." She pointed out dangerous situations that can be found in many homes and shared how to protect

ourselves. We all knew when we left the meeting there were several things that we needed to change in our own homes so we would be safer. Melanie also distributed several handouts: "When to Call 9-1-1" and two "Home Safety Checklists"— Prevent Falls and Prevent Fires.



Additional business:

- Reports: Sandra Bollinger reviewed April meeting highlights and Glenda Shook shared the Treasury Report. Disbursements were for stamps and a memorial for Ethel Sutton.
- Again reviewed sign-up for our trip to Daniel Boone Inn for breakfast on **June 21**. (Additional sign-ups are being accepted.) We will be leaving NJLC at 7:00am. Cost is \$16.95 + tax & tip. Following the meal we will travel to Valle Crucis and Mast General Store and perhaps some additional stops.
- **June 9 (2nd Sunday) Hotdog & Hamburger Cookout for the congregation** (following 10:30 Worship Service). The sign-up for food/fixings/help was circulated and to be posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. We will collect a freewill offering. All money collected will be donated to Recovery Court and Salvation Army Food Pantry.
- Recognized Betty Sheaves, recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Service Award for her work at Corner Table. She now serves on their board as well as being a volunteer.
- Mother's Day Banquet, Monday, May 20: Kay Weaver invited ladies interested in attending.

Looking ahead:

- A. June meeting will be on the **2nd Wed. (June 12)** due to Day Camp the 3rd week.
- B. **Friday, July 26** we plan to travel to Valdese to see the Waldensian play "**From This Day Forward.**" Cost of tickets: Adults: \$18, Seniors (Age 60+): \$16. (If we have a group of 12 or more, we can get our tickets for \$12.00!) The sign-up will be started at our June meeting. We plan on using the church bus and personal car drivers.
- C. Mountain State Fair (September 6-15, near Asheville) and Farmer's Market. Date not set, but it will probably be on their Senior Citizen Day (usually the last Friday of the fair) because of their morning opening hours. We will pass a tentative "interested in going" sign-up at June meeting—to see if possibly there is enough interest to use the Christian Motorcoach. (???) We will see where our numbers are. If the motorcoach is used, other churches will be invited.
- D. Dennis Weaver shared some of the upcoming AMC Movie Theatre Anniversary releases during the summer. Ticket cost is \$12 (cost of snacks is not included).
- E. Late October: Hudson dinner theatre for "My Fair Lady."

LOOKING AHEAD: June devotions: Kay Weaver
June Hostesses: Libby Mauney, Jeanne Sigmon, Kay Weaver
June Program: To Be Announced
Next meeting is Wednesday, June 12th at 11:30

Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

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

The May 2024 Church Council meeting was held May 16, 2024. All members of Church Council were in attendance except Deron Bumgarner and Betty Scipione. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Temple who also led devotions. Lisa Cook will lead the devotions in June. Danny Black was council designate in April and stated that everything went smoothly. The minutes for the council meeting held April 8, 2024, were approved as written.

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

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| Allocations: \$12,023.06 | Benevolence: \$17,280.64 | Youth: \$734.95 | Lutheran Men: \$865.29 | Phillips Fund Checking: \$9,754.91 |
| Available: \$64,659.99 | Current CD: \$62,761.78 | Women's: \$587.47 | Mauser Fund CD: \$84,336.26 | Phillips Fund CD: \$22,169.41 |
| Building: \$157,098.18 | Building CD: \$103,182.85 | Cemetery Fund: \$7,352.36 | Cemetery CD: \$16,204.98 | |

Pastor's Report (April 2024):

Pastoral Contacts – 57; including Home Visits – 15

Hospital Visits – 6

Nursing home visits – 4

Pastor's study – 8

Other – 24

Services of worship – 4

Meetings – 20

Classes taught – 7

Officiated at the funeral service for Donald Barger, Sr. on April 13, 2024

Officiated at the memorial service for Dalton James Flynn on April 20, 2024

Officiated at the funeral service for Ethel Sutton on April 23, 2024

Officiated at the funeral service for Charles Kanipe on April 28, 2024

April was the month for funerals as three of our most faithful members passed on to the Church Triumphant, Donald Barger, Sr., Ethel Sutton, and Charles Kanipe. I also conducted a memorial service for the family of Dalton James Flynn. Dalton was the grandson of Karen Boliek Stallings. He too passed on to the Church Triumphant a couple of weeks before his service was conducted here at the church. We extend our sympathies to all these families.

I want to say a special word of thanks to our women who provided meals for these grieving families. Many congregations, because of fewer people and cost, do not provide meals for families any longer. I know that these families greatly appreciated the time and effort that went into providing these meals following the funerals.

Karen Leasure, a recent visitor, would like to join New Jerusalem by profession of faith. I recommend to the council that we accept Karent as a new member of the congregation.

A reminder to the council of my upcoming vacation, May 20-27. Pastor Steve Johnson will be leading worship and preaching at both services on May 26. Thank you for all that you do!

Together in ministry,

The Rev. Randall A. Cauble, Pastor

Congregation +/-:

- 131 in attendance this past Sunday between both services.

Announcements/Petitions and Communications: None

Old Business:

- Outdoor Worship Area Update
 - Robert spoke with Dan Shabeldeen. He is drawing up plans that will hopefully be ready by the next Property Committee meeting. The Property Committee will review the proposed plan when available.
 - John spoke with potential grading contractors to prepare the road and make the area equipment-accessible. They may start soon.
 - Our goal for the project to be complete before winter.
 - Any invoices need to be given to Rusty Lutz for the quarterly report he has to submit to the City of Hickory.
- Janitorial Services
 - BJ and Ken met with Mark Mitchell. They did a walkthrough and reviewed the new guidelines. They will review again in 6 weeks. Mark has committed to providing 8-12 hours of labor per week.
 - G&M Maintenance did not want to charge more for their services. BJ suggested paying more anyway since they are doing more work; however, since they send us an invoice, we cannot pay more than the invoice we receive. With a review in a few weeks, he can determine how much more time was required and adjust the cost at that time.
- Lawn Mower Seat
 - Since the last meeting, an email was sent to all council members asking for a vote on whether or not to purchase a new lawn mower seat. After answering questions, Danny Black received approval to purchase the new lawn mower seat for \$947.17. Affirmative votes were received from Deron, John, Danny B., Danny S., BJ, Betty, Lisa, Karen, and Pastor Cauble.
 - It was reported that the new seat is wonderful and really helps the backs of those who are mowing the grass.

New Business:

- New Member Sunday
 - **Robert Hoyle made a motion to receive Karen Leasure as a member of New Jerusalem.** Rusty Lutz seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
 - We will have a new member Sunday in the next few months.
- Loose Offering
 - June 2 – You and Family Ministry of NJLC
 - June 9 – NALC Disaster Response
 - June 16 – CVCC Veterans Center
 - June 23 – NALC Disaster Response
 - June 30 – NALC Disaster Response
- Day Camp
 - There are only three children registered for Day Camp. They would like us to have a minimum of 20 campers. Megan will create a flyer and try to advertise at the Mission Frenzy event.
 - Kristy asked for help with her usual Day Camp tasks due to the responsibilities regarding the declining health of her mom.
- Catawba County Group Homes for Adults with Special Needs
 - We have been asked if we would be interested in hosting adults with special needs who live in group homes for Sunday school and worship. They were going to Tri-City. They are looking for a new church because Tri-City can no longer host.

- About 30 people would come in vans to join us for worship every week and Sunday school every other week (on off weeks they pick up food from the food bank).
- A different group could host them for Sunday school every other week.
- BJ will ask if a representative from the group home would like to come to the next council meeting to discuss their needs.
- We will ask various groups/Sunday school classes if they would be interested in hosting and report back to council next month.

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

Cemetery Committee (John Lutz and Rusty Lutz)

- Jim Abernethy's plaque has come in. The holes have been pre-drilled and it is ready to be installed.
- The McCombs family has an unmarked grave. Rusty has no contact information. Kristy will get in touch with Sue Rogers.
- We will have to research where to purchase a new columbarium if we would like it to match the current columbarium. We don't know from whom it was purchased.

Property Committee (Danny Black and John Lutz)

- No meeting.
- Thanks to Danny for researching, purchasing, and installing lawn mower seat.

Fellowship Committee (Karen Teague) –

- Meeting Sunday after church to discuss hosting a reception for our graduates.
- Purchased cards and candy for Mother's Day.

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Deron Bumgarner)

- Copier
 - After reexamining the data regarding the copier in Kristy's office, Alan stated that we actually broke even last September.
 - Alan contacted Garrett Moss from Xerox and asked for straight-purchase quote for a new copier. Alan suggests that the Finance Committee meet and come up with a recommendation regarding the lease or purchase of a new copier.
- CDs Maturing
 - The Current Fund CD, the Cemetery CD, and the Phillips Fund CD are all maturing May 20, 2024.
 - If we take no action, they will auto-renew at either 2% or 2.5%. Other options are to cash them out or open new CDs at the current promotional rate of 4.85% for 7 months or 4.59% for 11 months.
 - Following the recommendation from the Finance Committee, council decided to open new CDs at 4.85% for 7 months for each account.

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

- There were 20-25 in attendance at Catawba County Backpack program warehouse tour.
- Mission Frenzy
 - Four congregations from the district are coming to the Mission Frenzy event (Mt. Calvary, Millers, NJLC, and St. Martins).
 - Word of Life Lutheran Church made a donation to support the event.
 - Megan encourages all who can to come volunteer.
- There is a meeting Wednesday, May 22 to plan for VBS at St. Martin's.
- Upcoming events:
 - June 2 – Family Fishing Event (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm) at Carolyn Robinson's pond.

- June 12 (Potential) – Wednesday Summer Nights (5th through 12th grades). There will be video games, board games, card games, pizza, and snacks from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We will need volunteers for this event and all Wednesday Summer Night events.
- June 17-21 – Solid Rock Day Camp
- June 30 – Car Rally Scavenger Hunt (5th through 12th grades)
- July 10 (Potential) – Wednesday Summer Nights – Come with your Chef's hat on and let's cook together. This event will be from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- July 14-17 – VBS at St. Martin's.
- July 21 – Student Ministry Event at New Jerusalem (5th through 12th grade) will be from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm for Messy Game. This event will test your balance, courage, and ability to stay clean. We will focus on the messiness of sin. Lunch will be provided.
- We need more volunteers for youth events. These events cannot be held without volunteers. Please contact Megan if you would like to volunteer.
- Megans schedule (subject to change) –
 - Megan will be at St. Martin's June 2.
 - She will be at New Jerusalem June 9, June 16 (for Solid Rock Day Camp Kickoff), and June 30.
 - She is off June 23.

Long Range Planning Committee (Rusty Lutz and Danny Sorrells) –

- Will meet in early August. We will ask for people to RSVP to Salem this time because we never know how much breakfast food to purchase.
- Long Range Planning will also meet before August to review goals.

Service Committee (BJ Morgan and Karen Teague)

- We donated 40 pounds of food this month.
- Veterans are invited to Newton Elks Lodge Friday, June 14 for a Flag Day Ceremony starting at 5:00 pm. RSVP to BJ Morgan.
- The Service Committee is helping Learning, Youth, and Family with the Mission Frenzy Event.

Witness Committee (Betty Scipione and Ken Temple) – No meeting.

Worship Committee (Pastor Cauble and Betty Scipione) –

- Meeting soon to plan worship for the summer months.

P.R.O.M. (Please Remember Outreach Ministry

April 2024 report:

- 52 individual contacts were made.
- There were a total of 9 nursing home visits, 7 home visits, 16 phone contacts, 52 personalized cards, 9 church group Facebook posts, 4 prayer vigils, 1 first Sunday birthday Celebration, and 10 Electronic Sign Changes.
- Our Prayer list, the number of homebound members, and those living in nursing homes continue to grow. Please consider helping.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Scipione

Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Ken Temple, President

Lisa Cook, Secretary

June Birthdays

2 – Mary Ann Lail, Pete Lutz, Jennifer Bumgarner
 3 – Carson Kanipe
 5 – Terry Evans, Sarah Scronce, Leighton Southers
 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
 23 – Theia Kanupp
 25 – Eli Kanipe, Emma Cave
 26 – Jamie Yount
 28 – Judy Hildebran

Thank You for Serving in June

Council Designate Lisa Cook

Lutheran Men June 2, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 Family Fishing Event
 Carolyn Robinson's Pond

Lutheran Women

Women's Group #1 June 4, 6:30 pm
 Gathering Room

Women's Group #3 June 3, 2:00 pm
 Gathering Room
 Leader – Doris Lutz

Women's Group #4 June 3, 7:00 pm
 Gathering Room
 Hostess – Debbie McGee
 Leader – Sandra Bollinger

Quarterly Meeting Monday, June 24, 7:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall
 Group 1 will host the meeting.

Acolyte Sandra Bollinger

Teller Committee *Lisa Cook
 Alan Bolch
 Cindy Coulter

Altar Committee Karen Teague, Chr.
 Lisa Cook
 Janet Spinks
 Kay Weaver

Read Lessons Lisa Cook

Help with Communion Teresa Vanderlinden

Flowers in the Church

June 2 Wayne Cashion
 June 9 Frankie Fulbright
 June 16 Paulette Abernethy
 June 23 Ken & Julie Temple
 June 30 Open

Ushers Wesley Reid, Chm.
 Thad Scronce
 Landon Scronce
 Charlie Hoyle

Tape Ministry

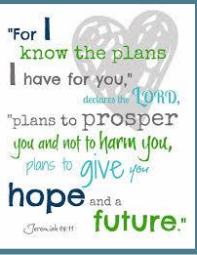
June 2 & 9 Connie Bumgarner
 June 16 & 23 Robert Hoyle
 June 30 BJ Morgan

Yard Maintenance & Mowing

June 2 Brian Riggs Family
 June 9 Allen Cook, Jose Barba
 June 16 Jim Purgeson
 June 23 Ken Temple, W.R. Bumgarner
 June 30 John Lutz Family

Looking Ahead

July 10 Wednesday Summer Nights Youth Event
July 14-17 VBS at St. Martin's Lutheran Church
July 21 Student Ministry Event



June 2024

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| 2 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion After the Service – Birthday Celebration 2:00-5:00 pm – Family Fishing Event | 3 2:00 pm – Women’s Group #2 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #4 | 4 10:00 am – Bible Study 1:00 pm – Quilters 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship After the Service - Cookout | 10 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting | 11 6:00 pm – Life-to-Life Discipleship | 12 11:30 am – Senior Friends 6:30 pm – Wednesday Summer Nights Youth Event | 13 6:00 pm – Bible Journaling Group | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Father’s Day 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion | 17 9 am – 4 pm – Day Camp | 18 9 am – 4 pm – Day Camp 1:00 pm – Quilters | 19 9 am – 4 pm – Day Camp | 20 9 am – 4 pm – Day Camp | 21 9 am – 12 pm – Day Camp Senior Friends Trip | 22 |
| 23 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship | 24 7:00 pm – Lutheran Women Quarterly Meeting | 25 1:00 pm – Quilters 6:00 pm – Life-to-Life Discipleship | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 2:00 pm – Car Rally Scavenger Hunt | | | | | | |

