



News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

July 2024

The Pastor's Pen

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Going back to school! What do you mean, you may ask. Summer just began and we are enjoying some much-needed time off from school. Yet, did you know, that school starts back on Monday, August 26. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but we need to begin preparing now for when school begins. Especially, we prepare for those who have very little. During the summer, we will be collecting school items for students in our area of Catawba County and for the youth of Loris, South Carolina. This will be one of our major service projects for the summer months. We want to collect and distribute as many supplies as possible. I encourage you to begin bringing the supplies and place them in the Gathering Room in the big box designated for "SCHOOL SUPPLIES." Let's do our part to send all students back to school ready and prepared for the upcoming year of learning. Below, you will find a list of items we will be collecting. Most of the backpacks will be provided by the NALC disaster relief warehouse in Kings Mountain, NC.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED

Three-ring binders, composition books, spiral notebooks, graph paper, notebook paper (college and regular rule), pens, pencils, glue sticks, erasers, folders, crayons, colored pencils, markers, scissors, pencil boxes, composition books.

PROM

Please Remember Outreach Ministry

You have heard much about PROM over these last few months. I encourage you to join PROM (Please Remember Outreach Ministry). You can send cards, make phone calls, and even visit those in our congregation and community who just might need a lift, a good word of encouragement from someone. Please consider how you might reach out to someone who needs help! Join PROM today. Thank you to Mike and Betty Scipione who began this good ministry and continue to reach out. Talk to them or me if you are interested in participating.

Sincerely
Pastor Cauble

Early Services of Holy Communion in July



Sunday, July 14 – 8:30 am
Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, July 28 – 8:30 am
Outdoor Chapel

Day Camp

Day Camp was a great success! Thank you to all who donated their time, snacks, and money to make it happen. The campers learned a lot about the Adventures of Paul and grew closer to Jesus! We especially enjoyed having our very own Luke Cauble as one of the counselors this year!



Senior Friends

Upcoming Trip with Senior Friends: Friday, July 26th



WHO: Senior Friends and Guests

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

What: Outdoor Drama: ***From This Day Forward***

When: Friday, July 26, 2024. Depart from NJLC at 6:30 PM. (No supper stop! Eat before you come.) The play begins at 8:00 PM. It usually ends around 10:15 PM.

How: Possibly personal vehicles and the **church bus** (Donation for gas & bus usage will be collected on the bus).

Cost: Adults/\$18, Seniors 60+/\$16, **Group Rate** (12 or more people)/\$12. **Payment to Sandra Bollinger and is due on or before July 17.** Pay **full rate now** and if we are able to get a group rate, you will receive a refund for the difference.

Reservation Deadline: WEDNESDAY, July 17. Please notify either Sandra Bollinger or Barbara Hamrick if you are interested in going.

Special Notes: A) You are allowed to bring your own bag lawn chair. If you choose to use their metal folding chair, *we'd definitely recommend bringing a personal stadium cushion/pad to sit on.*
B) Light snacks are usually sold: Drinks, popcorn, candy bars, etc.
C) They do perform in the rain, unless there is lightning.

Background Information: This is the 56th consecutive season of the outdoor drama ***From This Day Forward***. **It is performed** at the Fred B Cranford Amphitheatre, 401 Church Street NW in Valdese. It tells the story of the tragedy and triumph of the Waldenses, a people from the Alps in Northern Italy. The production begins with the early days of religious persecution. The play captures their faith, hardships, and eventual move to North Carolina to establish the town of Valdese. The play was written by Burke County native Fred Cranford.

Senior Friends Trip to Mountain State Fair - Friday, September 13th

Followed by a brief stop at Asheville Farmer's Market

WHO: Senior Friends and Guests

When: Friday, Sept. 13th. Depart from NJLC at 7:30.

The fair opens at 9 AM.

How: We're hoping for personal vehicles and definitely plan on using **church bus** (Donations for bus & gas collected on bus.)

Cost: Free, for those 65+. Minimal entry cost for others. *One tip suggested bring cash since credit card use is limited.*



Reservation Deadline: SUNDAY, AUGUST 25. Please notify either Sandra Bollinger or Barbara Hamrick if you are interested in going.

Some of the highlights and comments found on their website:

- The NC Mountain State Fair, September 6th-15th, 2024, is a truly memorable family event that offers top-notch entertainment, food, fun, and exhibits, that focuses on the region's deep agricultural roots.
- This year marks 30 years of celebrating Western North Carolina's heritage through crafts and teaching of those crafts at the Fair.
- Food, food, and food! footlong hotdog, funnel cake, corn on the cob, and bbq!!!
- It brings our team so much joy to watch family and friends enjoy the Fair, reconnect with vendors, enjoy the entertainment, food, agriculture and our heritage crafters. Seeing the smiles on your faces is what we look forward to each year and we truly strive to bring you the best Fair that celebrates Western North Carolina.
- You can also view livestock— “with 4,000+ to see!”.
- With so many unique rides on the midway for every age it is hard to choose what to ride first! The Ferris wheel was designed for the Seattle World Fair and provides a beautiful video of the Fair and mountains. (Last year they were quoted to have 40+ rides!)



Senior Friends would like to thank everyone who supported our cookout on Sun., June 9th. We had approximately 67 people to enjoy the meal and received \$300.00 in the freewill offering, which was donated to the Recovery Court and Salvation Army Food Pantry. **Thank you for your strong support!**



Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Highlights

NJLC Senior Friends meeting was held on Wednesday, June 12 at 11:30 with **33 people present** (29 members and four guests—Teresa Phillips, Judy Laport/sister to Linda Lutz, Chip Canupp and Jaxon Miller). **Sharon Lowe** officially joined at the close of the meeting. Following greetings from Barbara Hamrick, several sign-up sheets were circulated: Daniel Boone Inn trip on June 21, Waldensian Play in Valdese-- "From This Day Forward" on July 26th

and Mountain State Fair--tentatively set for Sept. 13. Barbara thanked all who helped in any way with the congregational cookout and attended. She shared that \$300 was raised and at least 67 people enjoyed the meal. All money collected will be donated to Recovery Court and Salvation Army Food Pantry. We then recognized the June birthdays and anniversaries. Specific names were shared for individuals in need of our prayers and we were encouraged to call or visit them. She thanked the June hostesses. Kay Weaver presented the devotions. The meal prayer was given by Pastor Cauble, and the meal was enjoyed by all.

Following the meal, Sandra Bollinger shared a brief program. In appreciation of how "sweet" our group is and our enjoyment of sweets, she shared a 26-item Candy Quiz. In sharing the answers, Sandra also shared a timetable of when each candy was first introduced. Barbara Hamrick then treated everyone present to Hershey Mini Candy Bars.

Additional business:

- Reports: Sandra Bollinger reviewed meeting highlights from our May meeting and Glenda Shook shared the Treasury Report. She noted that Senior Friends had received a Memorial Donation for Ethel Sutton from Fairbrook ECA. She also read a thank you card from Ethel's family for Senior Friends memorial donation to NJLC for Ethel.
- Barbara reminded those going to Daniel Boone Inn for breakfast on **June 21** that the church bus will be leaving NJLC at 7:00 am promptly. Church restrooms will be open prior to our leaving. Our reservations are for 8:15. Car riders are to meet us in the parking area near the entrance shortly before the 8:15 reservation time.
- The deadline for our trip on **Friday, July 26** to see the Waldensian play "**From This Day Forward**" is Wednesday, July 17. If we have a group of 12 or more, we can get our tickets for \$12.00! We plan on using the church bus and personal car drivers.
- We will elect officers for the next two-year term at our July meeting. If you are interested in serving, please let us know. Present officers also need to let us know if they are interested in continuing.
- Approved (Motion by Mike Scipione and seconded by Kathe Canupp) to donate \$50 to Day Camp.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Barbara Hamrick, Co-President

Sandra Bollinger, Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD: July devotions: Sandra Bollinger

July Hostesses: Paulette Abernethy, Carolyn Elliott, Glenda Shook

July Program: Audrey Rozzelle

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 17th at 11:3

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church • 2120 Startown Rd. • Hickory, NC 28602

Office: 828-324-7272 • Web: www.NJLCHickory.com



School Supply Drive 2024

July 1st through July 20th

Benefits: Catawba County School and Cedar Branch
Empowerment Center, Loris, SC (Mission Site)

During the month of July, we are collecting school supplies for fill backpacks that has been provided to help families that are in need in the community and at the mission site the Youth will be going (have been prior) in Loris , SC. You can fill a whole backpack, grab a few suppliers, or donate through the lose offering the first two Sundays.

Here are the following Items that are needed:

Elementary School:

- 2 packs #2 pencils
- Pencil pouch
- 3 marble composition books (not spiral bound)
- 1 pack Washable markers
- 1 - 24 count box of crayons
- 1 - 12 pack colored pencils

Middle School:

- 2 packs #2 pencils (or lead pencils with lead refills)
- 1 pencil case
- 2 packs wide rule notebook paper
- 2 – 2” binders
- 2 packs divider tabs
- 3 – 3 prong folders with pockets
- 4 – 1 subject notebooks (spiral bound)
- 1 pack highlighters
- 1 – 12 pack colored pencils



Look for the boxes in the Gathering Area to place school suppliers.



Registration will be open through July 8th, please click on the following link or picture:

<https://vbsmate.com/students/StMartinsNALC/29408>

Dates and Times of VBS:

Sunday Night: 5:00pm to 7:15pm (Dinner is Provided)

Monday Night: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Tuesday Night: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Wednesday Night: Dinner and Pool Party (Details to come)

Who can attend?

Pre-School (Potty Trained) through 5th Grade are welcome.

We will also have older youth activities on and off campus.

We are also in need of volunteers in various roles from group leader/guide, station leader, donating supplies and decoration, registration, etc.

VBS is a time for church families to invite your neighbors, friends, and those in the community to come to know who Jesus is in a fun and interactive way. You do not want to miss out!

We need the following donations: Camping Items for decorations and a detailed list coming soon.

A colorful poster for Summer Events. The background is light blue with large white and yellow flowers. The title "Summer EVENTS" is in a large, stylized, orange and white font. Below the title, there are five paragraphs of text. At the bottom, there is a call to action and a closing statement. The bottom of the poster features a sandy beach with green leaves and orange starfish.

**Summer
EVENTS**

JULY 10TH – 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 AT ST. MARTINS.

JULY 14TH THROUGH 17TH CAMP FIRE VBS AT ST. MARTIN'S FOR BOTH CHURCHES. OLD YOUTH CAN VOLUNTEER OR JOIN THE OLDER YOUTH EVENTS.

JULY 21ST – STUDENT MINISTRY EVENT (5TH THROUGH 12 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. THIS EVENT WILL BE AT NEW JERUSALEM.

AUGUST 4TH- SUMMER OUTING – TBD

AUGUST 11TH- FAMILY EVENT: BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM – BOTH CHURCHES

**Calling all graduated 4th graders through 12 graders,
join us for some Summer FUN!**

We need volunteers to help plan, be part of,
and join in the fun so these events can happen
and students can grow together and
in their faith.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

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

The June 2024 Church Council meeting was held June 10, 2024. All members of Church Council were in attendance except John Lutz, BJ Morgan, and Betty Scipione. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Temple. Lisa Cook led devotions. BJ Morgan will lead the devotions in July. Deron Bumgarner was council designate in May and stated that there were no issues. The minutes for the council meeting held May 14, 2024, were approved as written.

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

Allocations: \$10,139.46	Benevolence: \$20,456.64	Youth: \$734.95	Lutheran Men: \$865.29	Phillips Fund Checking: \$9,837.09
Available: \$63,174.15	Current CD: \$62,993.28	Women's: \$929.47	Mauser Fund CD: \$84,336.26	Phillips Fund CD: \$22,170.62
Building: \$157,401.01	Building CD: \$ 103,309.72	Cemetery Fund: \$8,952.36	Cemetery CD: \$16,264.75	

Pastor's Report (May 2024):

Pastoral Contacts – 35; including Home Visits – 12

Hospital Visits – 3

Nursing home visits – 4

Pastor's study – 6

Other – 10

Services of worship – 4

Bible Studies – 6

Meetings – 19

One Baptism for Lilyanna May Hamlin – May 19, 2024

Attended the Carolina's Mission Regional Meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, SC on May 4, 2024

One week of vacation – May 20-27, 2024

I am very happy to report that Day Camp at New Jerusalem is a go for June 16-21. We have either ten or eleven campers. Our own Luke Cauble will be one of the counselors this year. We still need help with snacks and dinner meals. Afternoon activities will include the canine unit from the Sheriff's Department (thanks to Thad Scronce and his crew), a trip to River Bend Creamery for ice cream, swimming at the Elks Lodge in Newton (thanks to BJ Morgan and the Elks), and a Karate expert. Even though our numbers are small we look forward to a great week. The main focus of learning will be on St. Paul. We need to have weeks like this in the church. Our future pastors may just come from "camping" experiences like this.

Two events highlight our youth activities for the month of May. With an emphasis on mission work, our youth and adults packed weekend backpacks for the children of Catawba County. We paid a visit to the Backpack Warehouse on Tate Boulevard. On Sunday afternoon, May 19, our youth group joined groups from four other congregations for Mission Frenzy as we packed flood buckets, hygiene kits, birthday boxes, and put together blankets for cancer patients. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The week of vacation was much needed and appreciated. I encourage everyone to take some time off this summer. Don't forget to bring me back a bulletin if you attend worship somewhere while on vacation. Thank you for all that you do!

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

Congregation +/-Δ: None

Announcements/Petitions and Communications:

- Ashure Ministry (formerly ECCCM) – Thank you for your partnership in helping to serve those in crisis.

Old Business:

- Outdoor Worship Area Update
 - No money has been spent yet; therefore, no invoices were submitted to the city for the second quarter grant report.
 - Robert spoke with Dan Shabeldeen. He is meeting with Tom Davis, an engineer out of Ashe County who does stream restoration, Tuesday, June 11 at 11:00 am. They will be discussing ways to prevent damage when water events occur. Anyone who wants to join is welcome to come give input about the design.
- Ball Field Use
 - Holly Kerley from Broome associates stated that the church is only liable for injuries when there is negligence on the church's part. The church is not liable for accidents that happen. Megan will inform the softball team that they can use the field.

New Business:

- Loose Offering
 - July 7 – School Supplies
 - July 14 – School Supplies
 - July 21 – Youth and Family Ministry
 - July 28 – Youth and Family Ministry
- Pastor Cauble informed council of the passing of Ray Teague (Robin Bumgarner's father) on June 9, 2024.

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

Cemetery Committee (John Lutz and Rusty Lutz)

- Gerald and Evelyn Ferguson requested to reserve a plot in the cemetery. Article IV in our Cemetery Bylaws makes provisions for this. **Rusty Lutz made a motion to allow Gerald and Evelyn Ferguson to reserve a plot.** Lisa Cook seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
- We are continuing to try to find the original maker of the columbarium so that if we purchase a new one, they will match.
- John Lutz is still trying to reach a granite company about the niche that was damaged.
- The McCombs grave has remained unmarked since March 2023. Rusty has not been able to get in touch with the family. Funds may have to be pulled from the cemetery fund if we can't get in touch with them.

Property Committee (Danny Black and John Lutz)

- No meeting.
- The signs saying "Play at your own risk" were placed at the ball field and the playground area.

Fellowship Committee (Karen Teague) –

- A reception for our graduates will be held Sunday, June 30th in the Gathering Room immediately following the service.

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Deron Bumgarner)

- Meeting Tuesday, June 11 regarding the copier.
- Signers and access to Peoples Bank CDs
 - Peoples Bank changed their policy on new accounts. Due to these changes, Kristy can no longer view any new accounts online (or give online access to the treasurers so that they can view the accounts).
 - **Robert Hoyle made a motion to add Kristy as a signer on the CDs that were just created and any new CDs that we open).** Danny Sorrells seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
 - The Building Fund CD will mature June 16. The council decided to open a new CD at a rate of 4.85% for 7 months.
 - We have \$63,000 in Current Available. When the Current CD matures again, we may decide to add more money to it.

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

- Events this past month included Mission Frenzy and Family Fishing Day.
- Upcoming events include Wednesday Summer Nights (June 12 – games), Day Camp (June 17-21), a Car Scavenger Hunt (June 30), Wednesday Summer Nights (July 10 – Cooking), VBS at St. Martin's (July 14-17), and Messy Games (July 21). Please let Megan know if you would like to volunteer for any of these events.
- Sunday school/children's church
 - We may reformat what Sunday school/children's church will look like in the fall. We will need new volunteers/teachers. We would have stations centered around a theme (for example if Noah's Ark was the theme for the month, we would have a lesson one week, a craft one week, etc., all centered around a Noah's Ark theme).
 - Children's church during sermon time would be based on church scriptures for that week.
- We may take high school students (and possibly middle school students) on a mission trip to Loris next summer.

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

- Meeting planned for Sunday, August 18th at 8:30 am.

Service Committee (BJ Morgan and Karen Teague)

- We did not have enough food donated this month to take to ECCCM. We will add this month's donations to next month's donations and take it all at one time.
- No meeting

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

Worship Committee (Pastor Cauble and Betty Scipione) –

- Meeting planned for Sunday, June 23 at 3:00 pm.

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

Summary for May 2024:

(76) Cards (20) nursing home and home visits (2) hospital visits (18) phone calls (12) Esign changes (10) Facebook posts

Respectfully submitted in Christ's name by Mike Scipione

Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Ken Temple, President

Lisa Cook, Secretary

July Birthdays

1 – Robert Bekemeier
 2 – Terry McNeely
 3 – Misty Dover
 5 – Connie Lutz
 6 – Elliot Canupp
 7 – Ken Temple
 8 – Elizabeth Rousey, Audrey Rozzelle
 9 – Jerry Lael, Mackie Bekemeier
 10 – Joel Cline, Marsha Lael, Jeannie Sigmon
 11 – Katelyn Scism
 13 – Callie Southers
 14 – Candice Johnson
 15 – Nautia Yount
 16 – Dalton Hefner
 17 – Roy Seitz, Jacob & Luke Cauble
 18 – Tammy Brooks
 19 – Beth Turbyfill
 22 – Ralph Preslar, Greg Scronce
 23 – Thomas Helms
 24 – Lee Vanderlinden, Trent Yoder, Justin Hefner
 25 – Scott Burris, Kelsey Hefner, Sharon Goss,
 Jeff Cline
 26 – Lydia Lutz
 28 – Lauren Reid
 29 – Randy Miller, Stewart Throckmorton, Brian
 Huffman
 30 – W.R. Bumgarner

Thank You for Serving in July

Lutheran Men No July Meeting

Lutheran Women

Women's Group #1 No July Meeting

Women's Group #3 Out to Eat

Women's Group #4 No July Meeting

Council Designate BJ Morgan

Teller Committee *BJ Morgan
 Billy Young
 Garret Turbyfill

Altar Committee Glenda Shook, Chr.
 Pat Bolch
 Sandra Bollinger
 Jenny Morgan

Acolyte Diana Bumgarner

Pastor's Assistant Garret Turbyfill

Flowers in the Church

July 7 Janet Spinks
 July 14 Pastor and Vicki Cauble
 July 21 Open
 July 28 Open

Ushers Allen Cook, Chm.
 Izaiah Morgan
 Jacob Cauble
 Luke Cauble

Tape Ministry

July 7 BJ Morgan
 July 14 Connie Bumgarner
 July 21 Connie Bumgarner
 July 28 Robert Hoyle

Yard Maintenance & Mowing

July 7 Richard Dameron, John Lutz
 July 14 Brian Riggs Family
 July 21 Don Brown, Chuck Floyd
 July 28 BJ Morgan, Paul Lail

Looking Ahead

Homecoming September 29
 Pastor Brent Nichols will be our Guest Preacher



July 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 7 – Green 14 – Green 21 – Green 28 – Green	1	2 1:00 pm – Piece Makers	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	8 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	9 1:00 pm – Piece Makers 6:00 pm – Life to Life Discipleship	10 6:30 pm – Wednesday Summer Nights Youth Event	11 6:00 pm – Bible Journaling Group (Scout Hut)	12	13
14 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	15	16 1:00 pm – Piece Makers	17 11:30 am – Senior Friends	18	19	20
21 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion 12:30 pm – Messy Games Youth Event	22 6:00 pm – Bible Journaling Group (Scout Hut)	23 1:00 pm – Piece Makers 6:00 pm – Life to Life Discipleship	24	25	26 6:30 pm – Senior Friends Trip	27
28 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	29	30 1:00 pm – Piece Makers 6:00 pm – Life to Life Discipleship	31			