



News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

October 2024

The Pastor's Pen

WHAT WE BELIEVE

In many respects, the new year for the church begins in the Fall, September and October and the following months. A new Sunday school year begins for the children. This year we are doing a new type of Sunday school. It is the rotation model. Our children will learn twelve Bible stories throughout the year. I encourage you to bring your children to this new way of doing Sunday school. We call it **Faith Builders** and our Youth and Family Director, Megan Gwaltney has put this program together. There are two types of people needed for this program to succeed, students (children) and volunteers (teachers and helpers). I want to give a shout out to Mike Scipione about the recent article on the church Facebook page concerning the need for children to be in church. Children are what makes the church feel alive. We love having them here and we hope that they will learn something while being here. PLEASE, BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY MORNING FROM 9:30 AM TO 10:15 AM and to worship. Help them to build their faith!

Together in ministry,
Pastor Cauble

Early Services in October



Sunday, October 13

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, October 27

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

(If the weather does not permit us to worship outside, we will worship in the Adult Assembly Room)

INVITE OTHERS TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

These will be our final two outdoor services of the year.

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.

Senior Friends Bake and Craft Sale



New Jerusalem Senior Friends "Bake and Craft" Sale will take place on **Saturday, November 23, 2024** beginning at 9:00 am and running to 1:00 pm. They will have homemade baked cakes, pies and goodies, canned goods, arts and crafts, etc. *You don't have to be a Senior Friends member to make donations or to shop. We 'd appreciate your help!* ***If you are interested in donating cakes and baked goods, they should be homemade. Arts and crafts should be in good to new condition.*** Preferably these items should be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 22nd between 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. (If not, bring the morning of the sale between 7:15 am and 8:45 am.) If items are brought at any other time, please have it labeled for Senior Friends, your name and description of the item. Place it on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall. If any items need to be refrigerated, please do so and leave us a note saying you have done so.

All proceeds will be donated to worthy charities. We appreciate your support. If you have any questions, contact Evelyn Ferguson, Barbara Hamrick, Sandra Bollinger.

Special Note: We will also have **hot dog lunches** available for purchase beginning at **10:30.**

Lutheran Women



Lutheran Women's Sunday, SOS Presentations, and Blessing of the Quilts will take place Sunday, October 20.

Blood Drive

Give blood. Help save lives.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive **New Hope Moravian Church**

Fellowship Hall
2897 Sandy Ford Rd.
Newton, NC 28658

Monday, October 7th
2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Keeping the Church Clean



Please leave all church facilities clean after you use them. Grease was not wiped off the stove when used this past month. The next time it was used, smoke filled the air and the fire alarm went off. As a reminder, a laminated Fellowship Hall Use checklist has been placed in the kitchen. Thank you for your help in keeping our church clean!

Senior Friends Highlights



Wednesday, September 18, 2024

NJLC Senior Friends meeting was held on Wed., Sept. 18 at 11:30 with **33 people present**. This was our Annual Senior Friends Cookout Meeting. No program was planned, just good food and fellowship. Several sign-up sheets were circulated (Soup & Sandwich for our Nov. 20th meeting, Southern Supreme/Fruitcake Co. in Bear Creek for Thurs., Oct. 24 and interest survey to visit Cornerstone Christian Bookstore in Boone.)

Kristy Painter presented the devotions. September birthdays were recognized (Carolyn Elliott, Pastor Cauble, Patty Shull, and Pastor Smith) and the anniversary of Richard & Brenda Arrowood. Prayer concerns were shared. Pastor Cauble shared the meal prayer.

Business:

- Reports: Secretary's August minutes and Treasury balance were shared. Received the offering.
- Reviewed trips: A) **Mountain State Fair & Asheville Farmer's Market** on Fri., Sept. 13—had 16 participants. B) Dinner Theatre "**My Fair Lady**" will be Thurs., Oct. 10. Depart from NJLC at 5:30. Gates open at 6:00 and meals begin at 6:30. Play starts at 7:30. There are 21 people scheduled to attend. C) Gathering names now to attend **Southern Supreme/Fruitcake Co. in Bear Creek for Thurs., Oct. 24**. Depart from NJLC at 7:30. Scheduled tour at 10:00. (Travel time is 2 hrs. 10 minutes.) Also shared Southern Supreme is having an Open House, Oct. 3-5. Invite will be posted on the Gathering Room bulletin board. D) Passed around an interest survey to visit **Cornerstone Christian Bookstore in Boone** (1st or 2nd week of Nov.—date not set yet.)
- Collected nominations for Bake/Craft Sale recipients from the sales. Top vote getters will be voted on at our October meeting.
- Approved donating \$200 to Service Ministry for financial help with the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes (Samaritan's Purse project). They have set a goal to fill at least 150 shoeboxes. The cost of shipping has increased to \$10.00 per box. (In 2023 we had raised \$725 in freewill offering from our Congregation BBQ Lunch, which was donated towards this cause.) We were challenged if we know of any organization or business that might offer financial assistance, to please contact them.
- Matter of Information: Pastor Cauble shared that NJLC Youth are planning a Mission Trip back to Loris next summer.
- Reminders given to bring 2025 calendars for Council on Aging. They may be given to Elaine Garner.
- Approved to sponsor a **Soup & Sandwich Congregational Meal on Super Bowl Sun., Feb. 9, 2025**. Freewill offering will go to Souper Bowl of Caring Fund (Corner Table).
- November Meeting—We will be doing final planning for our November 23rd Bake & Craft Sale. We will do a Soup & Sandwich Meal. Sign-up sheet was circulated and will be reviewed at our October Meeting. It will then be posted on the Gathering Room Bulletin Board.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Barbara Hamrick, Co-President

Sandra Bollinger, Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD: October devotions: Dennis Weaver

October Hostesses: Brenda Arrowood, Elaine Garner, Carolyn Robinson

October Program: To be announced

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 16th at 11:30

**Upcoming
SENIOR
FRIENDS
Bus Trips**

WHO: Members of Senior Friends and Guests
(Translated: We're open to everybody that can go.)

WHERE: Southern Supreme in Bear Creek
(Fruitcake Capital) on Thursday, October 24.
Depart from NJLC @ 7:30 AM.



{Another trip} WHERE: Cornerstone Christian Bookstore in Boone on Thursday, November 7. Depart from NJLC @ 9:30 AM.

HOW: Church bus (capacity 15) and some individuals will be driving their own vehicles.

RSVP: If you plan on going, give your name to Sandra Bollinger (828-294-4585 or at sdbollinger73@gmail.com) **at least one week prior to the desired trip.**

Mark Your Calendars



Sunday, November 3

Daylight Saving Time Ends
All Saints Sunday

Friday, November 22

Set up for Senior Friends Bake & Craft Sale (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

Saturday, November 23

Senior Friends Bake & Craft Sale
(9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

Sunday, November 24

Thanksgiving Service
(10:30 am)

Tuesday, November 26

Decorate Chrismon Tree & Sanctuary
(6:30 pm)

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, December 1

Hanging of the Greens Service
(10:30 am)

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service
(8:00 pm)

Church Council Meeting

September 9, 2024

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

The September 2024 Church Council meeting was held September 9, 2024. All members of Church Council were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Temple who also led devotions. John Lutz will lead the devotions in October. Karen Teague was council designate in August and stated that everything went well. The minutes for the council meeting held August 12, 2024, were approved as written. Treasurer Reports were received as information and show the following month end balances.

Allocations: \$10,114.30	Benevolence: \$11,973.90	Youth: \$734.95	Lutheran Men: \$752.50	Phillips Fund Checking: \$ 9,601.73
Available: \$75,170.29	Current CD: \$63,754.84	Women's: \$696.76	Mauser Fund CD: \$85,350.02	Phillips Fund CD: \$22,170.62
Building: \$151,621.01	Building CD: \$104,297.94	Cemetery Fund: \$9,342.33	Cemetery CD: \$16,461.16	

Pastor's Report (August 2024):

Pastoral Contacts – 20; including: Home Visits – 7
Hospital Visits – 3
Nursing Home Visits – 1
Pastor's Study – 5
Other – 4

Services of Worship – 4

Meetings – 15

One wedding for Kylie (Morgan) and Scout Hix – August 10, 2024, at Hix residence in Statesville, NC

One week of vacation – August 19-25, 2024

Many events are planned for September and into the Fall. Many of these events have been planned by Megan Gwaltney and the Learning, Youth, and Family Committee. I encourage you to encourage others to take advantage of these events, many of which have to do with youth and learning. Life-to-Life began its fourth group yesterday. Confirmation will begin in October. A new Sunday School format will begin soon as well as "children's church" next Sunday, September 15. I am sure that Megan will have more in her report.

PROM continues to reach out to our members who are sick, in hospitals, nursing homes, and at home. They have been doing a tremendous job reaching out through visits, cards, text messages, and phone calls, etc. This is another great ministry to get involved in!

Surgery has been scheduled for the removal of my transplanted kidney. The date will be November 12 at Baptist Hospital. I will then have to be on dialysis for the foreseeable future. Thank you for all the support that I and my family have received and continue to receive. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring congregation. Again, thank you for all that you continue to do!

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

Congregation +/-:

- Reservation of cemetery plots
 - You can no longer reserve a cemetery plot without the Cemetery Committee's recommendation to council. You must also be an active member as defined by the constitution.
 - Most of the plots that are currently reserved were from a long time ago (before the new bylaws were approved) and include spouses of those already deceased.
 - If a member of the congregation has any questions, please contact someone on the Cemetery Committee.
- There needs to be some personal accountability when using church facilities. Grease was not wiped off the stove when used this past month. The next time it was used, smoke filled the air and the fire alarm went off. Kristy was asked to put a statement in the next newsletter about keeping the buildings clean after each event.

Announcements/Petitions and Communications:

- Thank you note from the Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley for gift of \$42.00.
- Approved 2024/2025 budget from the NALC Carolinas Mission Region. The requested share from each congregation decreased to \$869.38 this year.

Old Business:

- Outdoor Worship Area Update
 - Dan Shabeldeen is almost finished with the design. He would like to apply for permits by the end of this week. After applying, it takes 4-6 weeks to receive the permits. His goal is to get the permits in place by the end of October. If everything goes as planned and the weather cooperates, the entire project should be done before winter.
 - Dan has been in contact with the people who worked on the road. The cost of repairing the road was approximately \$8,600. Dan thinks we can work within the remaining budget.
 - Billy Young has the invoice from the road work that needs to be submitted to the city.
 - We may hold a congregational meeting to keep the congregation informed about the progress.
- Custodial Services
 - We received two quotes for custodial services including the new updated guidelines.
 - Catherine Lawson –
 - Weekly maintenance clean (8-12 hours) – \$900 per week (or \$3,600 per month).
 - Bi-weekly cleaning – \$1300 (or \$2,600 per month).
 - Initial Deep Clean – \$3,800
 - Paula Hopper
 - \$700/month for weekly cleaning (8-12 hours per week).
 - She doesn't do special floor cleaning. They sub that out. She will spot clean carpet, but not shampoo the carpet.
 - Insured with State Farm.
 - After some discussion, **Rusty Lutz made a motion to hire Paula Hopper for our custodial services.** Danny Sorrells seconded the motion. This will be with a 12-month contract with a review after 60 days. *The motion passed unanimously.*
 - The council would like to express their appreciation for the many years of service provided by the Mitchell family and G&M Yard Service.

New Business:

- Loose Offering
 - October 6 – Youth and Family Ministry of NJLC
 - October 13 – Operation Christmas Child

- October 20 – Operation Christmas Child
- October 27 – Operation Christmas Child

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

Cemetery Committee (John Lutz and Rusty Lutz): No report.

Property Committee (Danny Black and John Lutz):

- The ceiling upstairs in the nursery was fixed.
- We received quotes for new carpet in the nursery (\$2,087) and on the stairs (\$2,467).
- **The Property Committee along with the Nursery Committee made a motion to replace the carpet in the nursery and on the stairs for \$3,996 with money from the Building Fund.** Lisa Cook seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
- Painted the metal flashing outside the Fellowship Hall and painted the pump house door.

Fellowship Committee (Karen Teague) – No meeting.

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Deron Bumgarner)

- Copier
 - Xerox will no longer provide support or supplies for our current copier.
 - We received a call from Garrett Moss at Levifi. Because Xerox will no longer provide support for our copier, he suggests that we go ahead and purchase a new copier. If we put the order in, he doesn't have to deliver it and we don't have to pay until he delivers. The cost would be \$15,128.02 with the money coming out of the Current Fund.
- **Danny Black made a motion to purchase a new copier.** Karen Teague seconded the motion. After some discussion about stocking supplies and other ways to prolong the use of the existing copier, *the motion carried with one opposed and one abstained.*
- The Finance Committee is meeting Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm. Please send budget requests to Wayne Cashion or Alan Bolch.

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

- Met to plan calendar events for outings based on church calendar year and events at the church such as the Christmas Play and Easter egg hunt.
- Confirmation will begin October 13 from 1:30 – 3:15. It will be a 2-year program. The first year will be walking through the Bible. The second year will be catechism.
- Sunday School Rotations - We already have a team together, but we need more volunteers.
- Kids of the Kingdom starts this Sunday.
 - We need more adult leaders.
 - There is some concern over noise during Kids of the Kingdom. We are looking into how to utilize spaces other than the Adult Assembly Room.
- We will not hold Day Camp in the summer of 2025. There is a large Day Camp in Gastonia. We can advertise it and offer transportation to Gastonia.
- Our youth will go on a mission trip to Loris July 13-19, 2025.

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

- We had a successful meeting in August. There was a lot of interaction and a lot of joy. We have received 2025 goal sheets from every committee except the Worship Committee and the Finance Committee.
- A meeting is scheduled for this Sunday morning at 8:30 am to continue to discuss the 2021 Strategic plan.

Service Committee (BJ Morgan and Karen Teague)

- We donated 58 pounds of food this month.

- We met last Thursday to discuss Operation Christmas Child, Thanksgiving Box Meals, and the Angel Tree.
- Operation Christmas Child
 - An Operation Christmas Child display is set up in the Gathering Room. Collection dates are September 8 through November 17. National Collection Week is November 17-25. Our goal is to pack 150 boxes.
 - We received a check from the Newton Elks Lodge and will receive one from Carris Reels soon.
- Thanksgiving box meals
 - Our goal is to provide 25 boxes to families in need.
 - We plan to pick up the food Wednesday, November 20, pack the boxes Friday, November 22, and take the boxes to Sweetwater Saturday, September 23.
- Angel Tree
 - Our goal is to provide 50 gifts for children (25 local children and 25 will be taken to Loris). The tree will be set up by Sunday, November 27th. The deadline for the gifts to be returned for the local children will be Sunday, December 8. The deadline for gifts for the children from Loris will be a little later.

Witness Committee (Betty Scipione and Ken Temple) –

- No Meetings so far in 2024.
- PROM has done great things with some of the previous goals.
- In an effort to make new contacts, Jan, Danny, Vicki, and Pastor Cauble will go in pairs and canvas the new neighborhood that was built on Startown Rd. Jan is creating a brochure.
- We continue to pray for the unchurched.
- Betty thanked Megan and Kristy for their work on Homecoming postcards. Congregation members are asked to send these to family, friends, and inactive members.

Worship Committee (Pastor Cauble and Betty Scipione) –

- Met and planned the following services:
 - November 24 – Thanksgiving Service (10:30 am).
 - December 1 – Hanging of the Greens (10:30 am).
 - December 24 – Christmas Eve (8:00 pm).

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

- PROM AUGUST '24 SUMMARY
 - Visitations 28
 - Greeting cards 72
 - Phone contacts 26
 - E-sign messages 14
 - FB group Page posts 15

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Ken Temple, President

Lisa Cook, Secretary

October Birthdays

1 – Stacy Fickling
2 – Adrian Lutz, Karen Craig
3 – Jane Reid
5 – Cindy Owensby, Landon Scronce
6 – Sandra Bollinger, Sherry Lutz, Maria Turbyfill
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

Lutheran Men Sunday, October 13
8:00 am – Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral

Women's Group #1 Tuesday, October 8
6:30 pm, Gathering Room

Women's Group #3 Monday, October 7
2:00 pm, Gathering Room
Leader – Betty Orovitz

Women's Group #4 Monday, October 7
7:00 pm – Gathering Room
Hostess/Leader – Diane Owens

Council Designate John Lutz

Teller Committee *John Lutz
Billy Young
Deron Bumgarner

Altar Committee Glenda Shook, Chm.
Jennifer Bumgarner
Janet Spinks
Kay Weaver

Pastor's Assistant Janet Spinks

Acolyte Lydia Lutz

Flowers in the Church

October 6 Cindy Lutz
October 13 Hans and Shunda Robinson
October 20 Paula White
October 27 James and Jenny Morgan

Ushers Chip Canupp, Chm.
Danny Black
Ed Kanupp
Allen Cook

Tape Ministry

October 6 & 13 Connie Bumgarner
October 20 & 27 Robert Hoyle

Yard Maintenance & Mowing

October 6 Bob, Adrian, and Cody Lutz
October 13 Adrian & Cody Lutz,
Billy Young
October 20 Cody, Adrian, & Bob Lutz
October 27 Billy Young, Adrian Lutz,
Cody Lutz

Looking Ahead

Hanging of the Greens December 1
During the 10:30 Service

Christmas Eve 8:00 pm – Candlelight Service



October 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 6 – Green 13 – Green 20 – Green 27 – Red		1 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet	2	3 6:00 pm - AHG	4	5
6 8:00 am – Long Range Planning 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion 12:30 pm – L2L	7 2:00 pm – Women’s Group #3 7:00 pm – Women’s Group #4	8 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 6:30 pm – Women’s Group #1	9 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	10 5:30 pm – Senior Friends Trip to see “My Fair Lady”	11	12
13 8:00 am – Lutheran Men’s Breakfast 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 1:30 pm – L2L 1:30 pm – Confirmation @ NJLC	14 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	15 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet	16 11:30 am – Senior Friends 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	17 6:00 pm – Bible Journaling Group 6:00 pm – AHG	18	19
20 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion 12:30 pm – L2L	21	22 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet	23 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	24 7:30 am – Senior Friends trip to Southern Supreme/Fruitcake Co.	25	26 TBD – Trunk-or-Treat
27 – Reformation Sunday 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship 1:30 pm – L2L 1:30 pm – Confirmation @ SMLC	28	29 12:30 pm – Bible Journaling Group 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet	30 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal	31		

*** L2L is short for Life-to-Life Discipleship