



# News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

June 2025

## The Pastor's Pen

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As we enter the Pentecost Season, let us be reminded of our need to continue to be active in the church, through our attendance, activity, and giving. So often, during the summer months, the church, the congregation, takes a back seat to vacations and other activities. We know and can rest assured that the church does not close its doors or take a vacation during the summer. We are still here providing Word and Sacrament, the essentials of our spiritual growth. Listen to what St. Paul wrote to the Philippian Church, as recorded in chapter 4, verse 8: "Finally brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honor, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise." Shortly before his death, the great inventor, Thomas Edison said, "I do not pretend to be a preacher, but this I say: God will not allow us to advance much more materially until we have caught up spiritually." He was saying, in effect, that our spiritual growth as a nation had not kept up with our material growth. In our concern for the things that perish, far too many people neglect the things that nourish our inner spiritual lives, such as worship, Sunday school, prayer, Bible reading, and concern for

the needs, especially spiritual needs, of others. All of us need to be more careful to see that we do not allow things that are good to crowd out of our lives the things that are best. Now, don't get me wrong, I do hope that you will take a vacation, some time away this summer and come home renewed and refreshed to do the work of the church in the world. The Church depends on it! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Together in ministry,  
Pastor Cauble

## Early Services in June



**Sunday, June 8 – 8:30 am**

Service of Holy Communion  
Outdoor Chapel

**Sunday, June 22 – 8:30 am**

Service of Holy Communion  
Outdoor Chapel

Invite others to come worship  
with us!

## Our New Jerusalem Graduates



### High School

**Alex Jonathan McNeely**, son of Loretta and Jason Morgan.

Graduating June 2025, Summa Cum Laude, from Penn Foster High School with a 4.0 GPA.

Alex plans to continue his education in nursing at CVCC and LR University. When he's not working at Chuck E Cheese, Alex enjoys spending time with his family and friends, camping, and shopping.

### College

**Savannah Lail**, daughter of Paul and Chantae Lail, graduated summa cum laude from NC State on Saturday May 3, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Human Biology concentration. She plans to apply to graduate school in the spring of 2026.

**Izaiah Morgan**, son of James and Jenny Morgan, graduated from NC State University Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance.

## Keeping the Kitchen Clean



As we continue to enjoy the blessings of fellowship and shared meals in our Fellowship Hall, we kindly ask everyone to take a moment to clean up after each use. Wiping down counters, washing and putting away dishes, and leaving the space tidy helps ensure it remains welcoming and ready for the next person or group. Taking this small step shows respect for one another and helps us care for the resources God has entrusted to us. Thank you for your help in keeping our shared kitchen clean and inviting for all.

## Lutheran Men Family Fishing Event



The Eddie Kanupp Memorial Family Fishing Outing will take place on Sunday, June 1 from 2:30 – 5:30 pm. This will take place at Carolyn Robinson's Pond (3039 Robinson Rd., Newton). We will have snacks and drinks. Please bring the family and have an afternoon of fun!

## Solid Rock Day Camp



Calling all children grades 4K- 5th.  
Day Camp is coming your way!

Hosted by the Carolinas Mission Region  
Day Camp Team and Counselors.

Where: Grace Lutheran Church, Newton.

When: Mon. June 16 – Fri. June 20.

Time: 9am-4pm Mon-Thu,  
9am-12 noon Fri.

Bible study, singing, games,  
crafts, skits, and lots of fun!

Friends welcome!

Open to church members,  
family members and  
friends of the community.

Cost is only \$100 for a full week of  
growing in the faith, childcare  
and lots of fun!

Contact your pastor or  
Pastor Doug Hefner at Grace  
for more information and to register!



## Holy Land ADVENTURE®

### Journey with us to Egypt VBS 2025

Dates: July 8th through the 10th

Times: Tuesday 6:00pm to 8:15pm

Wednesday 6:00pm to 8:15pm

Thursday: 5:30pm to 8:15pm

(dinner provided)

Location: 2120 Startown Rd, Hickory

Who: Everyone can Join the Fun

Children under 2; adult needs to stay with them. 6th grade and above can be leaders

We are needing volunteers to help make VBS a great success. There is a signup sheet in the gathering area along with the link/QR below.



We will need decorations to help transform our building into Egypt and a Marketplace.

A list of items will be in the bulletin and an email will be sent out with an Amazon wish list too.



Sign up for VBS and

Volunteering:

[https://www.myvbs.org/NJ\\_NALC\\_2025/](https://www.myvbs.org/NJ_NALC_2025/)



**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

# Senior Friends Highlights



NJLC Senior Friends monthly meeting was held on Wed., May 21 at 11:30 with **32 people present** (26 members and 6 guests). We recognized our May Birthdays and Anniversary. Pastor Orovitz shared the meal prayer.

Following the meal, Teresa Vanderlinden presented the devotions. Also being circulated were our Thinking of you cards and a sign-up for our Friday, June 13 trip to Daniel Boone Inn for breakfast.

The Piece Makers (Quilting Committee) briefly shared their history. Sponsored by the NJ Luth. Women, the Piece Makers organized on Mar. 1, 2016 and first met at the home of their

"Leader" Connie Bumgarner. Thanks to the hard work of various individuals, they then established the quilting room upstairs in the Fellowship Building. They noted that they were not the first quilting group at NJLC. On Nov. 17, 1905 women held their first meeting and organized a Ladies Aid Society for raising funds for furnishing the new church. Some of their fund raising was done through the sale of quilts they made. They shared a photo of some of the quilters from the 1960's and 70's. There are now seven Piece Makers and we are proud to carry on their legacy of service. Between 2016 and 2024, the Piece Makers have made 386 quilts for Luth. World Relief & NALC Disaster Relief. The first quilt they presented as a gift was the "Tree of Life" in 2016: Honoring Pastor Cauble's 25 years at NJLC & 30 years as an ordained minister. Other highlights, such as banners/quilts for the church, Quilts of Valor (for Veterans), baptismal quilts, etc. were shared and in closing, each household received a jar gripper made by the Piece Makers.

"On our journey of Quilting for mission support, we have also shared devotions, food, prayer requests, as well as creating stronger friendships and a sense of sisterhood."

## **Business:**

- Reports: Sandra Bollinger shared highlights from our Apr. meeting. Correspondence: a thank you note from Corner Table for the donation of gift cards for the Feed the Flock Gala. The generous donations of diapers, wipes, etc. for Cardinal Kids (Children in Palliative/Hospice Care) to Carolina Caring on Robinson Road were delivered earlier in the month.
- Glenda Shook shared the May treasurer's report. Her report noted that \$277 was raised from the sale of BBQ at the April meeting—which goes to the Samaritan's Purse for Western NC Disaster Relief. It was approved that we donate a total of \$500.00 from our treasury.
- Volunteer for August devotions: Paulette Abernethy and October devotions: Elaine Garner.
- Surveyed group to see if there is any interest in going to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA to see their Christmas production **Motown Christmas**. Program runs Nov. 7-Dec. 21. Special pricing for groups of 20 or more. (Not firm price quote, but we think it's around \$68.60 after tax-does NOT include gratuity. Wed./Thurs. Matinee for 20 or more is \$59.99.) MOI: 2 hours driving time to get there. Barbara will give more updates, but we do know they sell out early. We are looking at a Nov. date. A tentative sign-up sheet was circulated.
- June program: Ashure (formerly called ECCCM) -Allen Sherrill will be the speaker. He is the Volunteer Engagement Director. **Each person attending our June meeting is challenged to bring with them 1 or 2 cans of food to donate.**

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Barbara Hamrick, Co-Pres.

Sandra Bollinger, Secre.

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**LOOKING AHEAD: June devotions:** Betty Scipione  
**June Hostesses:** Elaine Garner, Kristy Painter, Betty Scipione  
**June Program:** Ashure (formerly called ECCCM) -Allen Sherrill  
**Next meeting is Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

**May 12, 2025**

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

The May 2025 Church Council meeting was held May 12, 2025. All members of Church Council were in attendance except Deron Bumgarner, Cindy Coulter, Thad Scronce, and Karen Teague. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Temple who led devotions in Deron Bumgarner's absence. Callie Southers will lead the devotions in June. Robert Hoyle was council designate in April and stated that he enjoyed serving and was able to talk to some new people. The minutes for the council meeting held April 14, 2025, were approved as presented.

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

Allocations: \$9,678.46	Benevolence: \$19,519.75	Youth: \$2,654.75	Lutheran Men: \$1004.56	Phillips Fund Checking: \$ 31,235.84
Current Available: \$57,421.45	Edward Jones Acct (Family Life Ctr) \$32,341.30	Women's: \$562.50	Mauser Fund CD: \$87,814.79	Building: \$162,925.41
Current CD: \$49,971.90	Cemetery Fund: \$11,067.32	Cemetery CD: \$14,991.60	Outdoor Worship Grant: \$233.20	

## **Pastor Cauble Update:**

Pastor Cauble has several upcoming appointments, one of which is to enable him to have dialysis at home. After this is in place and he sees how he feels, he will be able to make a decision as to when he will return. This decision will most likely be made by the first of July.

**A motion was brought from the Finance Committee for the church to continue paying for Hahn insurance until Pastor Cauble has supplemental and prescription plans in place.** Rusty Lutz seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*

## **Pastor's Report to Council:**

- Wade and J.B. Shannon were baptized Sunday, May 11.
- Bob Bekemeier's mother-in-law, Arlene Machamer, would like to join our congregation. **Pastor Steve Johnson made a motion to accept Arlene Machamer as a new member.** Robert Hoyle seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
- The Outdoor Chapel will be rededicated soon.
- Kylee Queen and Liam Robinson will present their confirmation projects during the service Sunday, May 25.
- Pastor Doug Hefner is now our Catawba Valley District youth coordinator.
- Grace Lutheran Church will hold day camp this summer.
- Mission Region convocation –
  - A constitutional amendment that defines who attends the convocation and defines their roles passed at the regional convocation; however, a majority of congregations must also approve the change.

- If approved, every congregation will get 2 lay delegates regardless of the size of the congregation. Furthermore, clergy would represent the ministerium (or full body of the clergy) rather than their individual congregations.
- We will have a congregational meeting to vote on this amendment before September.
- In addition, the region is asking to change the way individual congregations support the operating budget. In the past, the budget was totaled and then divided by the number of congregations. They will now ask congregations to support the mission region with 1% of their general fund contributions.

#### **Congregation +/Δ:**

- Cleanliness of the Kitchen
  - The counters in the kitchen were sticky. Kristy will write an announcement for the bulletin and newsletter about keeping the kitchen clean after each use.

#### **Announcements/Petitions and Communications: None**

#### **Old Business:**

- Support of new missionary
  - Ken spoke with Nate Watters about his ministry.
  - Ken will send a link to his website and the notes that he has taken to council members for their review. Nate is also willing to come to NC to share with our congregation.
  - Discussion will continue at the next meeting after council members have had time to review this information.
- Outdoor Worship –
  - \$233 was left of the grant from the state. John got extra gravel. The total went over by a few hundred dollars.

#### **New Business:**

- Loose Offering
  - June 1 – Youth and Family Ministry of NJLC
  - Remaining Sundays in June – NALC Disaster Relief – designated to NC.
- Family Life Center Donations
  - There are two accounts that contain donations for the Family Life Center. The Edward Jones account contains stocks that were gifted through a memorial. There is a designated account within the Current Fund that reflects donations made through regular Sunday offerings.
  - The Finance Committee was asked to investigate the possibility of combining the funds from the Current Fund into a single Edward Jones account.
  - Kristy was asked to combine the two numbers for the council minutes so that the total amount donated to the Family Life Center is reflected.

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

#### Cemetery Committee (Rusty Lutz) – No meeting.

#### Property Committee (Thad Scronce):

- Handrails have been installed on the bridge at the Outdoor Chapel.

Fellowship Committee (Karen Teague):

- The Mother's Day Banquet was held Monday, May 12.
- A graduate recognition reception has been planned for Sunday, May 18.

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Deron Bumgarner) – No meeting.

Learning, Youth, and Family Committee (Lisa Cook and Callie Southers):

- The Family Fishing Event is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 1. We need to check with Megan first to make sure there are no conflicts.
- St. Martin's members will also be invited.

Long Range Planning Committee (Rusty Lutz and Danny Sorrells) – No meeting.

Service Committee (BJ Morgan and Karen Teague)

- Met April 29 to discuss upcoming events.
- BJ Morgan, Glenda Shook, and Kay Weaver were in attendance.

Witness Committee (Robert Hoyle and Ken Temple) – No meeting.

Worship Committee (Pastor Cauble, Cindy Coulter, and Jack Robinson) – No meeting.

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

Visitations – 29; Greeting Cards – 120; Phone Contacts – 35; E-sign messages – 20; Facebook Group page – 8; Tuesday night Prayer Vigils – 4; Total Individual Contacts – 165

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 9, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Ken Temple, President

Lisa Cook, Secretary

## Senior Friends Trip in the Planning Stages

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**SENIOR FRIENDS TRIP in the planning stages.**

**WHERE: Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre** in Wytheville, VA

**WHAT:** Christmas production ***Motown Christmas.***

**WHEN:** Date not set yet! Program runs Nov. 7-Dec. 21. We are planning to look at a November date. Need to book ASAP!

**COST:** (Not firm price, but we think it's around \$68.60 after tax-does NOT include gratuity. There's a 20+ group discount.) **MOI:** 2 hours driving time to get there. Using church bus and cars.

**INTERESTED?** Contact Sandra Bollinger or Barbara Hamrick.





## 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 – 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** Callie Southers

**Lutheran Men** June 1, 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
 Family Fishing Event  
 Carolyn Robinson's Pond

**Lutheran Women**  
 Women's Group #1 June 3, 6:30 pm  
 Fellowship Hall

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

Women's Group #4 June 2, 7:00 pm  
 Gathering Room  
 Hostess – Debbie McGee  
 Leader – Sandra Bollinger

Quarterly Meeting Monday, June 30, 7:00 pm  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Group 3 will host the meeting.

**Acolyte** Diana Bumgarner

**Teller Committee** \*Callie Southers  
 Alan Bolch  
 Cindy Coulter

**Altar Committee** Betty Scipione, Chr.  
 Glenda Shook  
 Jennifer Bumgarner

**Pastor's Assistant** Ken Temple

## Flowers in the Church

June 1 Deron Bumgarner  
 June 8 Greg and Trish Scronce  
 June 15 Ken and Julie Temple  
 June 22 Open  
 June 29 Open

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

## Tape Ministry

June 1 & 8 BJ Morgan  
 June 15 & 22 Connie Bumgarner  
 June 29 Robert Hoyle

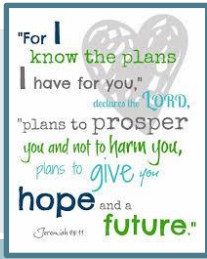
## Yard Maintenance & Mowing

June 1 Brian Riggs Family  
 June 8 Allen Cook, Jose Barba  
 June 15 Doug Owens, Jacob Hewitt  
 June 22 Don Barger Family  
 June 29 John Lutz Family

## Looking Ahead

**July 8-10** VBS

**Homecoming** September 21, 2025  
 Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky will be our  
 guest preacher



# June 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School <b>9:30 am</b> – VBS meeting <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Holy Communion <b>After the Service</b> - Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Committee Meeting <b>2:30-5:30 pm</b> – Family Fishing Event	<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> – Quilters <b>5:00 pm</b> – Prayer Vigil <b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Study <b>6:30 pm</b> – Women's Group #1	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>8:30 am</b> – Early Service <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Holy Communion	<b>9</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> – Learning, Youth, and Family Meeting <b>6:30 pm</b> – Church Council Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study <b>1:00 pm</b> – Quilters <b>5:00 pm</b> – Prayer Vigil <b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Journaling Group (Scout Hut)	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 am</b> – Senior Friends trip to Dan'l Boone Inn	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Holy Communion	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study <b>1:00 pm</b> – Quilters <b>5:00 pm</b> – Prayer Vigil <b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Study	<b>18</b> <b>11:30 am</b> – Senior Friends	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>8:30 am</b> – Early Service <b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> – Bible Journaling Group (Scout Hut) <b>1:00 pm</b> – Quilters <b>5:00 pm</b> – Prayer Vigil <b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<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>7:00 pm</b> – Lutheran Women Quarterly Meeting		<div> <b>Paraments</b>            1 – White      22 - Green            8 – Red        29 - Green            15 – White         </div>			