



# News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

March 2026

## From the Pastor's Desk

Deadlines! Deadlines! How we hate deadlines. And I am convinced that time moves faster as we get older because we live in a world where the future comes at us, one deadline after another.



As your new pastor, I would like you to know that I need deadlines. I asked Kristy what the deadline for the bulletin was, and for the newsletter. She told me when she normally prints the bulletin and the newsletter. And I asked again, "So, what's my deadline to get things to you? I need deadlines." If you tell me, "I need this by Tuesday," then by 11:59 PM Tuesday you will have it. That's still Tuesday, right?

I produce my best work when I am in the mood to do any particular thing. And who knows when that will happen. However, if I have a deadline I can get myself in the mood to do what's needed. (Ask my wife, Kathy.)

Another thing about deadlines is that there must be consequences if the deadline passes and stuff didn't happen. It's holding people accountable for their responsibilities and expecting them to keep their promises. Therefore, if I don't get my information to Kristy in time for her to edit and print, then my stuff doesn't get published. It would be rude and selfish of me to give Kristy, or anyone else who asks for something, my input at the last minute thinking, "Oh, they can adjust whatever's necessary."

Soooo, if you ask me for something, I will ask, "When do you need it?" "Whenever you get a round tuit," won't work for me. I need day and time, e.g., "Tuesday at noon because I am going to work on it Tuesday right after lunch."

In His service, I am  
Pastor Dave

## HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29, begins Holy Week. That Sunday we will concentrate on the little parade of Jesus and his followers, well-wishers, and hopeful rebels who lay their garments and palm branches on the road to make a way for the Messiah of God.

### **Maundy Thursday Upper Room Service April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

This year our Maundy Thursday service will be in the Fellowship Hall as we gather by candlelight around tables set in a U-shape. Each worshipper will receive a small plate of foods eaten at the Passover, just a bite or two of each to taste. There will be roasted lamb, charoset (mix of apples, wine, walnuts, cinnamon, sugar), parsley (bitter herbs), and hard-boiled egg. The supper concludes with Holy Communion shared around the table. There will be scripture and a couple of familiar hymns. A narrator will lead us through the evening's story. It is a very inspirational service giving you a sense of being in the Upper Room with Jesus that night he shared the Passover meal with his disciples before going to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

### **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm**

Good Friday will bring us together again to hear the story of Our Lord's Passion according to the Gospel of Matthew. This service of light reminds us of the great sacrifice Jesus, the light of the world, made for his whole creation, to redeem and reconcile the whole creation for His Father. The darkness is overcome by the Light of God's love and forgiveness.

## A Note from the Call Committee

As part of the call process, the Call Committee has developed a congregational survey that we hope all members will complete. The survey will be available at Sunday morning services on March 1, 8, 15, and 22. Please return completed surveys to the wooden collection box located in the Gathering Room. Your answers and comments will play a key role in creating our Congregational Profile that prospective Pastors will view on the NALC website. We greatly appreciate your participation and continued prayers in this process

## Bible Study in March



Tuesdays – 10:00 am  
March 4, 11, 25

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Tuesdays – 6:00 pm  
March 11, 18, 25

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US  
FOR BIBLE STUDY!**

## Pastor Orovitz

We would like to thank Pastor Orovitz for his 53 years of faithful service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is retiring from Grace Lutheran Church in Bessemer City after 7 years of service.

## Quarterly Committee Check-In

## LONG RANGE PLANNING QUARTERLY CHECK-IN MEETING



The Long Range Planning Quarterly Check-in meeting will be held next **Sunday morning, March 15, at 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

This is a time for all committees to meet for planning and support.

Please come if you serve on a committee or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees. All are welcome to join!

A continental breakfast will be served.

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to put an Easter Lily in the church on Easter Sunday in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out an order form (available in each Sunday bulletin) and place in the offering plate, along with your money. We will be ordering lilies from Upchurch Greenhouse in Cherryville, NC. The price is \$13 each and includes wrap, bow, delivery, and taxes. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 8.

## Acolyte Training

**Attention Acolytes of all ages:** We are having a brief training session for the acolytes following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, March 15. This training is being provided by Pastor David Hefner and the Worship Committee. It shouldn't last more than 30 minutes. Thank you in advance for making plans to attend. The Worship Committee

## Congregational Call Survey

Name (Optional):

Members of New Jerusalem,

As we begin the process of calling our next pastor, the Call Committee invites you to prayerfully reflect on who we are as a church family and where God is leading us. Your insight and perspective are important as we seek the person God is preparing to guide and shepherd our congregation in this next chapter.

Please take time to thoughtfully and honestly respond to the questions that follow. As you do, we encourage you to keep our mission statement in mind:

*We commit ourselves to grow in our personal faith through worship and Christian education and to put this faith into action by sharing and witnessing for Christ in words and deeds.*

Thank you for your time, your prayerful consideration, and your continued love and commitment to our church.

What do you believe God is calling our church to focus on in the next 5-10 years? *(Examples might include areas of ministry, spiritual growth, outreach, discipleship, worship, community involvement, or support for specific age groups.)*

In your view, how would you rate each of New Jerusalem's attributes listed below?

S (Strength) or C (Challenge/area for growth)

\_\_\_\_\_ Strong community and fellowship      \_\_\_\_\_ Growing our youth and young adult participation

\_\_\_\_\_ Spiritually mature congregation      \_\_\_\_\_ Expanding outreach to the local community

\_\_\_\_\_ Active worship and music programs      \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting families and children effectively

\_\_\_\_\_ Faithful outreach and service      \_\_\_\_\_ Encouraging spiritual growth for all members

\_\_\_\_\_ Strong children and youth ministry

**Our call committee believes God will lead our congregation to a new NALC pastor that is Christ-centered, mission-driven, congregationally focused, and traditionally grounded. We also understand, for our next Pastor, there are additional qualities and characteristics that are important to you.**

From the list please select only 5, ranking them 1 through 5 with 1 being the most important.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strong biblical knowledge and teaching ability | <input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate and caring   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to apply Scripture to today's culture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Builds unity within the congregation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear, engaging preaching                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Guides the church through conflict with wisdom and grace                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open to feedback and willing to grow           | <input type="checkbox"/> Visionary and forward thinking   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative and team-oriented                | <input type="checkbox"/> Invested in families   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good administrator and organizer               | <input type="checkbox"/> Passion for children and youth   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good at leading through change                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart for community outreach   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respects our church traditions                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Invested in visiting (hospital, those in homes, and homebound members) and pastoral care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approachable and personable                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe):   |

**How open are you to changes or new initiatives under a new pastor?**

Very open — excited for new ideas and approaches

Somewhat open — open if changes support our mission and values

Neutral — depends on the situation

Cautious — prefer keeping most things as they are

Not open — strongly prefer minimal change

If you'd like, please share an example of a change you would welcome or be cautious about:

**What key advice would you give to the call committee?**

## Happy 10th Birthday, Piece Makers!



On March 1, 2016, the Piece Makers quilting group gathered for the very first time. Five women—Dianne Black, Connie Bumgarner, Sandra Bollinger, Betty Orovitz, and Carolyn Robinson—came together with fabric, needles, and a shared desire to serve. In 2022, Linda Gaston and Trish Scronce joined the group, adding new energy and creativity to the circle.

For a decade now, the Piece Makers have carried forward a long tradition within our church—women using their gifts, their hands, and their fellowship to create something meaningful for others. Just as earlier generations of women stitched faith and love into quilts before us, we continue that legacy today.

Over the years, friendships have deepened, fabric piles have grown (and occasionally challenged us!), and countless individuals and families have been blessed by our work. From quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief and NALC Disaster Relief, to comfort quilts shared within our church family and beyond, many

have received a “piece” of what is created during our Tuesday gatherings.

We give thanks for 10 years of service, creativity, and community—and for the faithful legacy of women whose example continues to inspire every stitch.

## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY ([kpmi.org](http://kpmi.org))

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April 23-26, 2026

Foothills Correctional Institute  
Morganton, NC

Pastor Dave has been involved in an international prison ministry which is led by lay members from many churches. It is an ecumenical ministry with 9 paid employees and over 30,000 volunteers to incarcerated men and women all around the world.

They have “Weekends” lasting from Thursday through Sunday when the volunteer team members go into the prison and spend four days sharing the Father’s unconditional love with the inmates (participants). We share talks about Choices, God’s Forgiveness, Grace, Walking in Grace and Obstacles in our walk with Jesus. The participants have discussions about the talks and make posters representing what they heard. We share meals together as well. It is a transforming “weekend” for these men.

It costs about \$20,000 to put on a weekend at Foothills, Correctional Institution in Morganton, NC, a maximum security state prison. We provide an individual pack of cookies to everyone in the prison Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our meals are catered because of prison rules; we are guests in their house, after all.

If you would like to support this ministry you can sponsor a meal for a participant for \$10. Each of our five tables has three team members and six participants. We provide six meals during the weekend along with snacks and drinks.

HOWEVER, your most needed contribution is prayer. We cover the weekend in 30-minute segments of prayer so that for the entire four days someone is praying for our time together. These men have never been loved unconditionally. And that’s what we show them for four days. It is overwhelming how God’s love and forgiveness effects these gentlemen. The Holy Spirit at work is amazing, but only with your prayer support. You can sign up for a time slot at [prayervigils.net](http://prayervigils.net). Further instructions and information about Kairos will be in Gathering Room.

Pastor Dave

# Senior Friends Highlights



**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

NJLC Senior Friends gathered on **Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>** with **38 people present** (35 members and 3 guests). Greetings were extended by Barbara Hamrick. She thanked today's hostesses and recognized our Feb. Birthdays: Irene Punch, Wayne Cashion, Bob Bekemeier, and Debbie McGee. (Anniversary was Dwight & Pam Herman). Prayer concerns were shared and included: Janet Dameron, Gerald & Evelyn Ferguson, Pastor Cauble, Libby & Jim Mauney, and Chip Canupp. Wayne Cashion presented the devotions and the meal prayer.

Following our meal, Kay Weaver shared photos and brochures from her mission trip to Western North Carolina. Through both pictures and heartfelt commentary, she presented before-and-after images and personal stories of individuals and communities impacted by Hurricane Helene. She also extended an invitation to anyone interested in continuing to support those affected in the disaster area and possible ways we might help. According to a handout from Mary Bates (Director of Disaster Response for NALC), "On Sept. 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene devastated western North Carolina, destroying over 282,000 homes and the lives of so many people. NALC Disaster Response has already repaired and rebuilt over 40 homes for families in Yancey County. We will continue rebuilding for the next 5 years in western North Carolina."

## **Business:**

- Reports: Sandra Bollinger reviewed highlights from our January meeting. Glenda Shook shared the treasurer's report
- Barbara thanked Wayne Cashion for conducting our January meeting.
- Teresa Vanderlinden will take care of the February card signing for this month.
- Sandra Bollinger distributed information about the upcoming Hudson Dinner Theater (*Inherit the Wind*-inspired by the Scopes "Monkey Trial.") Senior Friends is **not** planning a group trip, but wanted to share the information in case individuals were interested in attending.
- **After taking a show of hands, saw there is an interest in going to the Amish Store (Northern Iredell Co.) and eating at a cafe in Union Grove. (At the follow-up Executive Meeting, the trip is being scheduled for Thursday, March 26. More information will be given in March Church Newsletter.)**
- There was also a strong interest in a trip to Riverbend Creamery in Lincoln County and a mountain trip and breakfast at Daniel Boone Inn (probably in June). More information to come at a later date.
- Barbara shared that we now have three people willing to drive for our bus trips: Chip Canupp, Paul Kurzyrna, and Dennis Weaver.
- Reminder that we have Ash Wednesday Service tonight at 7:00 pm at NJLC (all are welcome). This will be Pastor David Hefner's first service as NJLC Interim Pastor.
- Bob Bekemeier shared briefly about something he had just become aware of "A Homestead Exclusion" which helps homeowners—65+, particularly those on fixed incomes (\$38,000 or less per year) to reduce their tax liability. He encouraged people to check at the tax office for details, restrictions, etc.
- BJ Sheaves shared information on the May 15<sup>th</sup> *Feed The Flock Gala* (benefitting The Corner Table) and encouraged our support. Donation of \$20 bottles of wine, prepare a silent auction basket, donate gift cards (\$20-\$25 value), or Make a SPECIALTY Cake for their Bake Sale. These donations have an April 24<sup>th</sup> deadline. Gift cards may be brought to either our March or April Sr. Fr. meetings.
- Announced a brief Executive Meeting to be held immediately after today's meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Barbara Hamrick, Co-President Sandra Bollinger, Secretary

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**LOOKING AHEAD: March devotions:** Paula White  
**March Hostesses:** Brenda Arrowood, Leslee Bekemeier, Kay Weaver  
**March Program:** Sandra Bollinger  
**Next meeting is Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

**February 9, 2026**

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

The February Church Council meeting was held February 9, 2026. All members of the Church Council were in attendance except BJ Morgan and Garret Turbyfill. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Temple. Robert Hoyle led devotions. Alan Bolch will lead the devotions in March. Hans Robinson was council designate in January and said everything went smoothly. He had good help learning things and thanked Cindy Coulter for helping him learn how to set up the automatic door. The minutes for the council meeting held January 12, 2026 and minutes from a vote taken by email were approved as presented.

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

*Allocations: \$5,971.66	Benevolence: \$11,377.02	*Youth: \$2,179.10	Phillips Fund Checking: \$30,543.30
Current Available: \$87,505.37	**Family Life Center (Edward Jones Acct): \$61,968.44	Women's: \$395.00	Mauser Fund CD: \$90,277.73
Current CD: \$50,009.40	Cemetery Fund: \$11,067.32	Cemetery CD: \$15,002.85	Building: \$166,160.00

\*Allocations include Youth Fund total as well.

\*\* \$11,500 is going into the Edward Jones Family Life Center investment account that was being held in Current.

## **Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor David Hefner is starting Ash Wednesday (February 18).

## **Congregation +/-:**

- Why are we receiving reports when the audit of accounts has not been completed?
  - The bank statements don't come out until the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 12<sup>th</sup> so there isn't much time before the reports need to be made. In order to change the date to receive yearbooks, we would have to change the constitution.
- We'd like to hear more handbells – perhaps children's handbells as well.
  - Helen has suggested having a workshop to get more interest within the congregation.

## **Announcements/Petitions and Communications:**

- Thank you letters from The Corner Table (Two letters – a handwritten one and a typed one with a receipt for \$4,905 in 2025), Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley (\$2,435.00 in 2025), Carolina Caring (\$250.00), Family Care Center of Catawba Valley (\$750.00), Hickory Soup Kitchen (\$195.00), and Lutheran Bible Translators (\$1,650 for Rev. Michael and Jo Ann Megahan).

## **Old Business:**

- CRU – Kevin and Jennifer Williams from Charlotte, NC.
  - Kevin emailed Cindy Coulter. He asked about visiting the congregation on a Sunday.
  - It was suggested that we have them visit and introduce themselves to council first, and then maybe come back and talk to the congregation.
  - **Rusty Lutz made a motion to invite them to the next council meeting.** Alan seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*
  - Ken will call to make arrangements.
  - If there is any online information about what they do, ask them to share it with us before March for council to preview.

- We still support Brian and Alle McClure.
- Reminder – Still on hold on church envelopes.
  - Alan called the company. The shipping costs are higher if we wait, but the cost of envelopes is the same.
  - Rusty provided cemetery plot list.
  - Executive Council will go through the roll and update it.
  - We will call people on the roll and let them know we are in the call process and have an interim pastor.
  - The Executive Council will then determine if people need to be removed from the roll or if they have a special need that doesn't allow them to attend.

**New Business:**

- Update on Pastor Cauble
  - Robert talked to Vicki today. Pastor Cauble will have another appointment for his ankle tomorrow. Mobility is tough, but he is doing well.
  - Robert welcomed them to come when they are able. She appreciated us reaching out.
  - Robert and Ken are coming to help them clean out the office.

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

Cemetery Committee (Rusty Lutz):

- No meeting
- The McCombs marker has been received, but has not been installed yet due to weather.
- The marker for George Whitener has been installed.

Property Committee (Thad Scronce/Donald Barger): No meeting.

Fellowship Committee (Hans Robinson):

- Met Sunday, January 18.
- Upcoming events include a Hot Chocolate Event, assisting Learning, Youth, and Family with the Easter Egg Hunt (March 21), a Confirmation Lunch (tentatively May 17), Mother's Day and Father's Day plans, the country's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Birthday Celebration, and monthly programming (possibly every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month).
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 17, at 6:00 pm.

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Alan Bolch/Garret Turbyfill):

- No meeting.
- An audit of all church accounts will be held Tuesday, February 24.

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

- No meeting.
- Easter Event Saturday, March 21
  - We are asking for candy and little toys to stuff Easter eggs.
  - Along with the egg hunt, there will be a meal, games, and a devotional.
  - Older youth do glow-in-the-dark egg hunt on a different night.

Long Range Planning Committee (Rusty Lutz):

- We have a meeting scheduled after church this Sunday, February 15.
- Screens in the Sanctuary

- At the request of the Long Range Planning Committee, Council previously approved the formation of a committee to investigate/research a new audiovisual system. We got a proposal for two 65" monitors using EasyWorship software. The quote was \$4,000 not including the electrical work.
- This would be a supplement to the service, not a replacement. You would still have bulletins and hymnals, etc. You could post the announcements, prayer list, and other things beginning at 10:00 before the service. They could also be used for presentations by confirmands and others like Nate Watters who come to speak to the congregation.
- Concerns
  - Can it be done in a way that wouldn't "deface" the look of the Sanctuary? How could we make it the least invasive? Suggestions included the use of tablets or screens at the pews or screens that pull down.
  - Someone must be willing to maintain it and run it during the service.
- Rusty emphasized that this was for information purposes only at this point, not a recommendation. The motion to investigate over a year ago.
- Council decided to table the discussion until Pastor Hefner gets here and settled as he might have thoughts and suggestions.

#### Service Committee (BJ Morgan):

- We donated 22 pounds of food this month.

#### Witness Committee (Robert Hoyle and Ken Temple):

- The scheduled meeting was snowed out.
- We will be meeting to go through the rolls.
- We would like to attend the next big Life-to-Life combined meeting scheduled for April 30.
  - Is L2L going out beyond the church?
  - It is more about having individual conversations and sharing about Jesus when you have opportunities on a day-to-day basis.

#### Worship Committee (Cindy Coulter/Jack Robinson):

- Met Sunday, February 8 with Pastor Hefner in attendance.
- Reviewed Christmas Eve Service.
- Lent and Easter Services
  - Discussed the Ash Wednesday (7:00) and Lenten Services (each Sunday in Lent at 5:00 pm).
    - Pastor Hefner plans to use the Vespers Service (LBW pg. 142) instead of Holden Evening Prayer.
    - The theme will be "In Whose Image?" from William Lazareth's book Man: In Whose Image.
  - Discussed Holy Week and Easter services, but they are not finalized.
    - Pastor Hefner wants to do the Maundy Thursday service differently this year. The entire service would be in Fellowship Hall by candlelight and there would be a tasting of a Seder Meal.
    - There will be a Good Friday Service of Tenebrae and a Healing Service for Palm Sunday.
    - The Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 am with breakfast served at 8:00 am.
- The Worship Committee is coordinating with Megan about acolyte training.
- Carolyn and Connie are continuing to select the music.
- We plan to meet again Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 pm.
- Pastor Hefner will not be here May 1-2 (Convocation), April 23-26, and August 2. Pastor Steve will fill in for him April 25.

#### Call Committee

- Congregational Workshop held Saturday, February 7.
  - We had good attendance and people got to interact with Pastor Hefner.

- The PCAT team expressed that we are a good group.
- We had really interesting discussions with emphasis on the biblical basis of calling a pastor. God knows who He wants to be here.
- It was great to walk through the process.
- Rusty recommended having an installation service to confirm who is on the Call Committee. We will ask Pastor Hefner to lead this.
- The Call Committee has met three times (one conference call with Pastor Ramey and two other times).
- Met Sunday, February 8.
  - We are developing a small questionnaire to fill out by the following Sunday about qualities you would like to see in a new pastor.
  - We are also building a congregational profile. Pastors looking for a church have access to the profile.
- We will continue meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in the Scout Hut.

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

Ken Temple, President

Jack Robinson, Secretary

## CROP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW YEAR

**ATTENTION: All Adults willing to help raise a CROP**

**(CROP: Children Receiving Our Prayers)**



**We need individuals who are willing to participate from June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027.**

**This will be our CROP's 10<sup>th</sup> year. We currently have 16 volunteers and 32 children (infants to high school seniors).** As a volunteer, you

will have 1 or 2 children's names. You will receive each child's name and necessary information around **mid May**. You will mail 14 cards/per child throughout the year, one for each month and the other two are to recognize the child's birthday and baptismal date. Of course, daily we would want you to include the child/children in your prayers. Thank you for supporting our children in prayer.

**If you are willing to serve, please let Sandra Bollinger know by Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Phone: 828-294-4585 or Email: [sdbollinger73@gmail.com](mailto:sdbollinger73@gmail.com).**



**... with our NJLC Senior Friends.** We are heading to **Shiloh General Store (Amish Store) on Thursday, March 26.** We'll be leaving NJLC at 9:00 am. We'll also be enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. If you would like to go with us, please let Sandra Bollinger know on or before our next Senior Friends Meeting, which will be held **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.** Those riding the bus will be asked to help pay for gas.

You can find additional store information at [www.ShilohGeneralStoreNC.com](http://www.ShilohGeneralStoreNC.com) and their address is 5520 St. Paul Church Rd, Hamptonville, NC. They specialize in handmade breads, sweets and other items made by the local Amish community.

*We hope you can join us—even if you're not a member of our Senior Friends!*

## March Birthdays

1 – Donald Barger, Jr.  
 3 – Sharon Rhyne, Boyd Adams  
 4 – Kathe Canupp  
 5 – Angela Grantham  
 6 – Emily Bumgarner, Gerald Ferguson  
 7 – Jeremiah Bumgarner  
 9 – Jeff Holland  
 12 – Steve Shuford  
 13 – Doug Owens  
 14 – Keith Bullard  
 15 – Bayleigh Spurrier  
 16 – Brenda Arrowood  
 17 – Sara Elizabeth Howard  
 19 – Izaiah Morgan  
 21 – Spencer Floyd  
 22 – Judy Vane  
 23 – Gary Bumgarner  
 24 – Loretta McNeely  
 29 – Kathy Burris  
 30 – Steve Seitz, Zoe Lutz  
 31 – Adam Lamberth, Rebecca McNeely

## Thank You for Serving in March

### New Jerusalem Lutheran Men

Grounds Workday Saturday, March 14 – 9:00 am

### New Jerusalem Lutheran Women

Group 1 Tuesday, March 3:30 pm  
 Group 3 Monday, March 2 – 2:00 pm  
 Gathering Room  
 Leader – Teresa Vanderlinden

Group 4 Monday, March 2 – 7:15 pm  
 Gathering Room  
 Hostess – Glenda Shook  
 Program – Sandra Bollinger

Quarterly Meeting Monday, March 23 – 7:00 pm  
 Gathering Room  
 Hosted by Group 4

**Council Designate** Alan Bolch

**Teller Committee** Alan Bolch, Chm.  
 Garret Turbyfill  
 John Lutz

**Acolyte** Diana Bumgarner

**Altar Committee** Glenda Shook, Chm.  
 Pat Bolch  
 Sandra Bollinger

**Pastor's Assistants** Rusty Lutz (Read Lessons)  
 Teresa Vanderlinden (Help with Communion)

### Flowers in the Church

Mar. 1 Deron Bumgarner Family  
 Mar. 8 Open  
 Mar. 15 Nick & Amanda Helms  
 Mar. 22 Wayne and Carolyn  
 Mar. 29 Open

**Ushers** Thad Scronce, Chm.  
 Jose Barba  
 Dennis Bollinger  
 Landon Scronce

### Tape Ministry

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

### Yard Maintenance & Mowing

Mar. 14 Saturday, Church Workday  
 Mar. 22 Ryan and Dale Lutz  
 Mar. 29 Wayne Cashion, Jack Robinson

## Looking Ahead

**Maundy Thursday** Thursday, April 2

**Good Friday** Friday, April 3

**Easter Sunday** Sunday, April 5

## Change Their Batteries!

“When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, you don’t throw it away; you change the batteries. When a person messes up and finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not, you help them change their batteries! Some need **AA**—attention and affection; some need **AAA**—attention, affection and acceptance; some need **C**—compassion; some need **D**—direction. And if they still don’t seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.”



# March 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Holy Communion (Birthday Celebration)</p> <p><b>12:15</b> - Confirmation</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> – Lenten Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>2:00 pm</b> – Women’s Group 3</p> <p><b>7:15 pm</b> – Women’s Group 4</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study</p> <p><b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Study</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> – Women’s Group #1</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> – Life-to-Life Discipleship</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> – Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – American Heritage Girls</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time (Set clocks ahead)</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Worship</p> <p><b>12:15</b> - Confirmation</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> – Lenten Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> – Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:30 pm</b> – Bible Journaling Group</p> <p><b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Study</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> – Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> – Chrismon Ministry</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> - Church Grounds Workday</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> – Quarterly Committee Check-In</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Holy Communion (Acolyte Training)</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> – Lenten Service</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study</p> <p><b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> – Senior Friends</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> – Life-to-Life Discipleship</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> – Hand bell Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> – Chrismon Ministry</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – American Heritage Girls</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> – Easter Celebration Event</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Worship</p> <p><b>12:15</b> – Confirmation</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> – Lenten Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> - Lutheran Women’s Quarterly Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> – Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:30 pm</b> – Bible Journaling Group</p> <p><b>1:00 pm</b> – Piece Makers</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> – Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> – Hand bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Senior Friends trip to the Amish Store</p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> – Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> – Service of Holy Communion</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> – Palm Sunday Service of Healing</p>	30	31		<p><b>Paraments</b></p> <p>1 – Purple</p> <p>8 – Purple</p> <p>15 – Purple</p> <p>22 – Purple</p> <p>29 – Purple</p>		