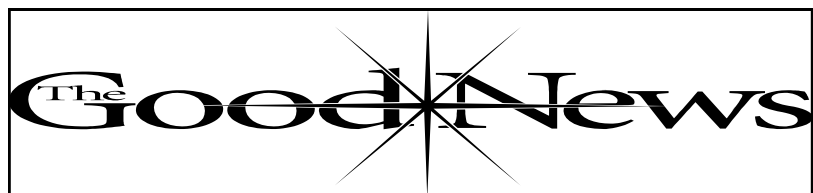


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*Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church*

Mission Statement

SOW: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations

GROW: His followers into spiritually mature disciples

GO: Back into the world to serve others in His name

**December 2022**

### ***Pastoral Musing from Pastor Stan...***

*Comfort, Comfort now my people' Isaiah 40:1*

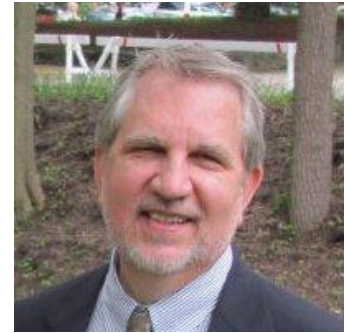
*'But Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.' Luke 2:10*

We are on the eve of another Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A time to celebrate yet a time to reflect and yes ponder as Mary did on that holy night. What does Christmas mean to us now? Do we allow ourselves to truly enjoy this holy season and to allow ourselves to relax and reflect on the comfort God in Jesus offers us? For me it is a mixture of both. I get the chance to reflect in my preparation for the Christmas Services and preparing the sermons, yet I am not sure I really 'ponder' as Mary did on the first Christmas night. I can say it is because I am overwhelmed with all that Christmas demands – shopping, decorating, planning, traveling, but Mary may have felt overwhelmed herself. Traveling to Bethlehem on the verge of giving birth, finding no place to rest her head, having to rely on Joseph to be her midwife and cows and sheep to be her attendants. Yet, she found the energy to 'ponder' all that had occurred in her weariness and discomfort. Who am I to say I don't have the time or energy to just pause and take in the wonder of this most magnificent gift – the birth of the Messiah, of Jesus for me and for you. Is there anything more powerful for us to 'ponder'? Is there anything more that can bring us such 'comfort'? I think not and I believe not!

In all the distractions and business and worries and sorrow for those we miss there needs to be time to just absorb the peace and love and hope of this Christmas Gift from God. As a congregation we have had a challenging year on several levels! But with the Joy of Christmas and the hope of a New Year we have a renewed sense of the goodness of God and the blessings of inspiration to guide us in a New Year. In a few days life will revert to its usual pace and reality so let us allow ourselves to be reborn with this gift of the Messiah, let us like Ebenezer Scrooge find the true meaning of Christmas, the spirit of joy and sharing with each other of the love and care for each other today and in each day that follows. God has brought great comfort to His people, to us, so let us comfort each other. God has given us Jesus the Messiah so let us ponder the meaning of this gift everyday this year. Let us rejoice and bring true joy to the world in song, in deeds, in our words and in our faith. This is the gift that will truly change our life and that of others. His is the gift that will not be forgotten or put away. This is the gift of Jesus our Messiah. So as the angels sang to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" On us who God favors!

***A Most Blessed and Joyful Christmas,***

***Pastor Stan***



### **Yoga Classes: Fun, Fellowship and Fitness-- What could be better?**

Starting on ***Monday, November 7th***, Carrie Burger, physical therapist, certified yoga instructor and congregation member will once again share her skills by offering FREE yoga classes at the church on Monday evenings. Spread the word and invite your friends. All are welcomed!

**Chair Yoga** is a new offering and will begin at 5 pm in the Youth Activity Center. This class will run for 45 minutes, and no mat is required. You will get a full body workout with all the relaxation benefits of a regular yoga class with reduced risk of injury.

No experience necessary!

**Vinyasa Flow Yoga** is back by popular demand. Class will begin at 6 pm in the Youth Activity Center. Bring a bottle of water and a yoga mat, and yoga blocks if you have them. No experience necessary but we will be getting on and off the floor and doing more strenuous exercises in this class. Beginners are welcomed!

**Questions?** Feel free to reach out to Carrie by phone or text at 610-999-8404 or via email at: [psunow@msn.com](mailto:psunow@msn.com).

## Looking Ahead

- ◆ Monday, December 5th - 6:30 PM: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM: JLNSDC Board Meeting (Social Hall)
- ◆ Tuesday, December 6th - 7:30 PM: Finance Virtual Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, December 7th - 1:00 PM: Worship & Music Meeting (Office Parlor)
- ◆ Sunday, December 11th - 4:00 PM: Congregational Christmas Potluck Party (Social Hall)
- ◆ Monday, December 12th - 6:30 PM: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- ◆ Tuesday, December 13th - 10:00 AM: Book Club Meeting (Souder's Residence)  
7:00 PM: Council Meeting (Social Hall)
- ◆ Wednesday, December 14th - 7:00 PM: Schwenksville Borough Authority Meeting (Social Hall)
- ◆ Saturday, December 17th - 9:00 AM: Chrismon Tree Decorating (Sanctuary)
- ◆ Sunday, December 18th: ***Poinsettias Orders Due & January Good News Deadline***
- ◆ Monday, December 19th - 6:30 PM: Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- ◆ Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve: 4 PM Children's Christmas Pageant  
7 & 10 PM Candlelight Communion Worship Services
- ◆ Sunday, December 25th - Merry Christmas  
10:00 AM In-person single worship service



### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It is once again time to start planning for our Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Pageant will take place during our Christmas Eve 4PM service.

Rehearsals will be held **Monday nights:**  
11/28, 12/05, 12/12, 12/19  
from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Dress rehearsal will be held on  
Monday, December 19th,  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM

We would love for everyone to participate. Please let your Sunday School teacher know if your child would be interested in participating this year. Please email Norma Grosick or Robin Schlichter with any question or to confirm you will be participating.

Norma Grosick  
ngrosick@icloud.com

Robin Schlichter  
robin.schlichter29@gmail.com



**You are Invited!!**

**December 11, 2022 at 4PM**  
**JELC Social Hall**

Jerusalem Congregational Potluck  
Christmas Party!

Join us for a gathering of  
Christmas cheer, carols, craft,  
food and fellowship!

Please visit Sign-up Genius link shared via  
email to sign-up!

Please consider donating an unwrapped toy or  
a free will offering

If transportation is needed for this event please  
reach out to Glenda Ortiz at:

Church Office: 610-287-7104  
Email: secretary@jelc.org  
Cell: 215-237-7707

## Chrismon Tree

The Chrismon Tree is a great tradition in our church.  
Every year the Chrismon Tree adorns our sanctuary  
and brings a piece of history to the holidays.

**We need help again this year decorating for the Christmas season.**

*"Many hands make light work."*

***We know everyone is busy this time of year, but any assistance would be appreciated!!!***

Saturday, December 17th, 2022- 9:00 AM Decorate Chrismon tree  
Please stay tuned for information in regards to taking down the tree in January.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



#### **Christmas Eve Services: December 24, 2022**

**4:00 PM:** Children's Annual Christmas Pageant

**7:00 PM:** Candlelight Communion Service

**10:00 PM:** Candlelight Communion Service



We want to thank all volunteers who will be decorating our Church for Advent and Christmas. The window sills will be trimmed with globes, candles and bows, wreaths will be hung on the doors and the Manger Scene will be set up in the Narthex. We will have a smaller, but beautiful version of the Chrismon Tree trimmed with lights and adorned with as many Chrismons as will fit!

May this Christmas be a time of reflection...

"Be filled with the Spirit,

... *giving thanks always and for everything*

to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"

-Ephesians 5:18-20



#### **Christmas Day Worship Schedule** **Sunday, December 25, 2022: One service at 10:00 AM**

Invite your family, neighbors and friends to join us  
for this special service of worship as we celebrate the birth  
of our Lord and Savior.



#### **New Year's Day Worship Schedule:** **Sunday, January 1, 2023: One service at 10:00 AM**



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Abby King  
 07 Pam Moser  
 08 Idalis Lopez  
 11 Julie Erb  
 13 Ethan Lonesky, Tucker Gilbert,  
 Sean Ortiz  
 16 Kenneth Hamilton  
 17 Jordan Pfister  
 18 Zaidy Ortiz  
 19 Christopher Moffo



20 Michael Kehs, Alec Jackson  
 21 Dustin Keyser, Kelly Szczesny  
 23 Bernie Slemmer  
 25 Tricia Hawks, Lisa Pfister  
 28 Matthew Connolly  
 29 Artie Heimbach, Nicholas Rittich  
 30 Marlene Heimbach, Helen Wells  
 31 Norma Grosick



Please check appropriate box:

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ red poinsettia(s) for decorating the chancel on Christmas Eve. The price of the poinsettias is **\$11.00 each**.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to make a donation to World Hunger. (Please check here)

Please fill out form below and give with check or exact change to:

Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
 311 Second Street Schwenksville, PA 19473  
**ATTN: POINSETTIA/DONATIONS**

**You must notify the Church Office by Sunday, December 18, 2022**

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

**Poinsettias may be picked up after the last Christmas Eve service, or after the following service on Sunday, December 25, 2022 after single service at 10:00 AM.  
 Any flowers left will be distributed to our shut-ins.**

## Good News Deadline

**GOOD NEWS DEADLINE** For the **JANUARY** Edition is  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18h, 2022**

Please send all submissions to [secretary@jelc.org](mailto:secretary@jelc.org) or drop off at the Church office.





**CARE TEAM**  
**Sunshine Birthdays this Month:**  
***Bernie Slemmer - December 23rd***  
***Helen Wells - December 30th***

Care Team met on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. We continue to make phone calls, send cards and visit with our Sunshine Friends.

Pastor Stan led a Home Communion Assistant Training on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> with 4 members present.

Christmas bags for our Sunshine Friends are being decorated by the children attending Sunday School. They will be in the narthex from Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please remember our Sunshine Friends with cards. The Care Team will deliver the cards along with some goodies (provided by the Care Team) after Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.



**Lizzie Bence**  
 1600 Black Rock Road  
 North Building, Room N-202  
 Royersford, PA 19468

**Bill Cressman**  
 121 Kettering Dr  
 Palmoyra, PA 17078

**Jean Fulmer**  
 20 Church Road  
 Schwenksville, PA 19473

**June Kolb**  
 Apartment 228  
 120 Buehrle Center  
 Topton, PA 19562

**Jeanette Fry**  
 2849 Big Rd. Apt. 1116  
 Zieglerville, PA 19492

**Bernie Slemmer**  
 P.O.Box 67  
 Lederach, PA 19450

**Helen Wells**  
 Manatawny Manor,  
 Room 203-B  
 Old Schuylkill Road  
 Route 724  
 Pottstown, PA 19465

**Janice & Ed Witte**  
 Amity Place, Apt 423  
 139 Old Swede Road  
 Douglassville, PA 19518

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 663 El Rancho Drive  
 El Cajon CA 92019

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 211 Second St  
 Schwenksville, PA 19473

**Dorie Rahm**  
 815 Maplewood Drive  
 APT 261  
 Harleysville, PA 19438



There is no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on Jan. 19th at 9:30 AM in the Youth Center.

## ***Thank You***

Many thanks to the following **2022 Altar Guild** members who lovingly and faithfully dust, set up, and clean up after each of our communions. They also change the paraments to match the church season. During Advent and Christmas seasons we especially thank the extra help members give. Also thanks to Louise Hunsicker and Carol and John Souder who keep the banners seasonal.

Renee Bartlett  
 Janet Luyben  
 Tricia Hawks  
 Louise Hunsicker

Rose Koehler  
 Diane Martin  
 Ardie Musselman  
 Gail Maser



Altar Guild helpers are needed to help lighten the load for current members. Please see or call Janet Luyben if this is a ministry at Jerusalem that interests you. Teenagers are welcome.

I am writing today with news to share. Ashley, Eric, Tyler and Tucker welcomed a baby boy to their family! Traye Harold Gilbert was born on Friday, November 4th! Ashley, Eric and Traye came home from the hospital the next day, Saturday, November 5th, and it has been a wonderful whirlwind ever since! Everyone is doing so well! Everyone is so happy! Thanks be to God for truly blessing us with the birth of a healthy baby boy, our third grandson!

Sincerely,  
Barb and Wayne Blanchard  
Ashley, Eric, Tyler, Tucker and Traye Gilbert



### ***In Remembrance***



Jim Bowman	December 21, 2021
Mary Cressman	January 1, 2022
Linda Waltmyer	February 16, 2022
Edwin Alan Ohl	February 22, 2022
Lucy Reed	March 14, 2022
Felicia Payne	May 3, 2022
Sandy Drummond	May 9, 2022
Gary Lesniak	May 18, 2022
Joseph Dildine	May 11, 2022
Jean Derr Lokez	June 27, 2022
Shirley Greger	July 1, 2022
Helen Rahmer	July 22, 2022
Sue Gorski	August 13, 2022
Caryl Horrocks	August 17, 2022
Sondra Cohen	August 30, 2022
Jane Adams	October 22, 2022



### ***"For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest"***

*For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!*



### **JERUSALEM LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL AND DAY CARE CENTER**

There is an extra amount of excitement in the air as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. We will be having a party complete with cake and ice cream in honor of Jesus' birthday. Also, as we read about the first Christmas and discuss the gifts which the Wise Men brought for Jesus, the children will have the opportunity to share what gifts they would like to give to baby Jesus. At Christmas, we believe it is important for the children to learn about giving and not just receiving presents. In addition, we are looking forward to meeting with Pastor Stan in the church sanctuary for a special Christmas presentation. It is a real treat to see the look of wonder and amazement on the children's (and staff member's) faces as they view the beautiful Chrismon tree for the very first time. Lastly, due to concerns regarding COVID-19 and the flu season, we will not be presenting our Christmas show for family and friends in the Social Hall this year. However, please check our Facebook page at Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School and Day Care to view the children performing some delightful Christmas songs and fingerplays. We are wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Special thanks to the following JELC members:

Gene and Pat Miesse for donating delicious snacks for the children

Tim Arnold and Paul Ensminger for storing our outdoor furniture and removing our window air conditioner for the winter

Tony Damiani for assisting with maintenance concerns

We are very grateful for everyone's kindness, help and support!

## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Annual Congregation Meeting - Sunday November 14th, 2022**

- ◆ The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Tony Damiani. Pastor Stan gave the opening prayer. The Annual Report was handed out and members were asked to sign in. President Tony Damiani reported that there were 59 eligible voters present which constituted a quorum.
- ◆ Tony expressed his appreciation for all those (too many to list) who helped keep Jerusalem going during the past year. A special thanks was given to Tony for doing an outstanding job as President over the last year.
- ◆ The President thanked the outgoing members of Council- Diane Martin, Robin Fry and Becky Johnson. Jen Wolk, Robin Schlitter, Norma Grosick and Tony Damiani have agreed to run for Council. Since there were no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and the President asked the Secretary to cast the ballot for the 4 persons listed above.
- ◆ Pastor Stan shared the need to look to the future to keep the congregation growing. Hope and Faith to move the congregation forward with those who are left. He encouraged members to participate where they can to rebuild the congregation.
- ◆ Bruce Fulmer, chair of the Finance Committee reviewed the highlights of the proposed 2023 budget. The budget projects an \$80,000 shortfall. After some discussion, the budget was approved.
- ◆ Discussion followed on what we will do if we are unable to fund the 2023 budget from current giving. A motion was made to use \$80,000 from the Foundation fund (Currently worth about \$440,000 and will increase by another \$240,000 as a result of the Renninger Remainder Trust left to Jerusalem) to cover any shortfall in 2023. The motion was approved.

The meeting was closed with a prayer from Pastor Stan asking God for strength to face the future.

### **November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting & Reorganizational Meeting**

**Attendees:** Caesar Gorski, Renee Bartlett, Pastor Stan Steele, Janet Luyben, Tony Damiani, Megan Incollingo, Andy Englehart, Robin Fry, Robin Schlichter, Norma Grosick, Jennifer Wolk

#### **New Business**

1. Tony got an estimate for installing additional security packages for the Nursery/Day Care. He will review it with the Day Care and determine next steps. Cost will be covered by the Day Care and the JLNS/DC. Will provide an update next month.
2. The Generosity team would like to schedule a congregational/community event in April 2023. Will come back next month on how to plan and execute.
3. Approved Advent Event on December 11th. Glenda to reach out for support.
4. Approved January 15th Italian Dinner event fundraiser for ASP
5. Approved ASP 2023 Trip. Registration complete.

#### **Financial Reports**

1. Treasurer- 86K behind
2. Financial Secretary- Giving is up over last year

#### **Committee Reports**

1. Finance
2. Staff Appreciation Gift for 2023: Divide the funds received as follows:
  - Pastor-40%
  - Minister of Music-30%
  - Secretary-30%

#### **Worship and Music**

1. Approved recommendation to maintain three services on Christmas Eve
2. Approved Christmas Day and New Year's Day will have one service at 10:00 AM



## **Jerusalem's Generosity in Action**

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School is a thriving ministry of our church! More than 20 children are taught of Jesus' love and able to build church-centered friendships through our K-6th grade Sunday School ministry. This is possible due to the generosity of our Sunday School teachers: Glenda Ortiz, Robin Schlichter, Sarah Wise Englehart, Kate Bullard, Gina Weygand, Norma Grosick and our Director of Music David Crist orchestrating our Cherub Choir. Thank you for allowing us to have this wonderful ministry at our church!

### **The Evelyn F. Loeb Memorial Fund**

JELC is the trusted beneficiary of the Loeb fund, which provides assistance to needy persons in Montgomery and the surrounding counties. Thanks to the time and effort of the Loeb Fund committee (Robin Fry, Caesar Gorski, Megan Incollingo, Andy Englehart and Pastor Stan), the fund has assisted a dozen people with more than \$10,000 in assistance over the past year.

### **Shop at AmazonSmile and Support Jerusalem Lutheran Church**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our church every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your charitable organization.

Search for **Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church.**



### **Online Offering**

If you would like to place your offerings online we now have the option of a QR code which will direct you to our online offering page via our JELC website. Please scan the attached QR code for online giving or to set-up automatic recurring payments if desired.



### **Altar Flowers**

If you would like to sponsor altar or chancel flowers, please feel free to request them either one of two options: Regular sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex, or contacting the church office to be added to the sponsor list schedule.

## ***Finance Committee***

### **FINANCE UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2022**

The Finance Committee continues to monitor Jerusalem's financial situation and giving as reflected in our monthly reports.

Current Income for the month of October was \$14,456 and Current Expenses were \$21,366 for a shortfall of **\$6,910.**

Current Income for the year to date was \$165,310 and Current Expenses were \$251,705 for a shortfall of **\$86,395.**

Total Income for the month of October was \$14,927 and Total Expenses were \$21,366 for a shortfall of **\$6,439.**

Total Income for the year to date was \$189,064 and Total Expenses were \$264,880 for a shortfall of **\$75,816.** Attendance for the month of October was 260, an increase of 2 from 2021, in spite of the fact that there was one Sunday in October 2022 when services were cancelled. Year to date attendance was 2070 an increase of 260 from the total of 1810 in 2021.

We are continuing to withdraw funds from the Foundation Fund in order to cover this shortfall.

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10*

Please give prayerful consideration to how you may be able to serve the Lord at Jerusalem.

Thank You.

The Finance Committee

## TREASURER EXPENSE REPORT OCTOBER 2022

	Oct-22	YTD 2022	YTD BUDGET	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
<b>Total Current Expenses</b>	\$21,366	\$251,705	\$256,140	\$211,356	\$214,026
<b>Benevolence Expenses</b>	\$0	\$0	\$16,920	\$11,336	\$13,452
<b>Capital Expenses</b>	\$0	\$13,175	\$0	\$2,559	\$3,878
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$21,366	\$264,880	\$273,060	\$225,251	\$231,356

Expenses for non-budgeted programs YTD through 10/31/22 were as follows:

Food Pantry World Hunger	
Lutheran World Relief	\$12,604
ASP	\$3,536
MAJC	
Memorials	\$0
Puppet Ministry	
World Vision	
Flowers	
Ensminger Scholarship	\$2,000
Confirmation	
Puppet Ministry	
Library	
Disaster Response	<u>\$1,500</u>
<b>Total for non-budgeted programs</b>	<b>\$19,640</b>

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE COMPARISONS							
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2021 SUM	2022 SUM
January	585	403	469	99	244	99	244
February	630	461	509	40	315	139	454
March	805	546	0	118	312	257	766
April	953	871	0	280	488	537	1254
May	451	357	0	251	250	788	1504
June	425	405	0	147	268	935	1772
July	538	368	56	145	217	1080	1989
August	342	305	126	215	166	1295	2155
September	576	493	101	257	245	1552	1797
October	508	423	110	258	260	1810	2070
November	545	455	117	257		2067	
December	1248	924	UNKNOWN	392		2459	
<b>Yearly Totals:</b>	7606	6011		2459		2459	

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT OCTOBER 2022

	Oct-22	YTD	YTD BUDGET	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Current Giving	\$11,641	\$131,406	\$129,000	\$128,788	\$133,783
Other Current Income	\$2,815	\$33,904	\$31,750	\$33,997	\$24,318
<b>Total Current Income</b>	<b>\$14,456</b>	<b>\$165,310</b>	<b>\$160,750</b>	<b>\$162,785</b>	<b>\$158,101</b>
Benevolence Giving	\$56	\$804	\$833	\$1,037	\$979
Other Benevolence	\$0	\$19,899	\$21,667	\$13,854	\$11,888
<b>Total Benevolence Income</b>	<b>\$56</b>	<b>\$20,703</b>	<b>\$22,500</b>	<b>\$14,891</b>	<b>\$12,867</b>
Building Income	\$415	\$3,051	\$2,500	\$3,282	\$3,050
Bequest Building			\$0		
<b>Total Building Income</b>	<b>\$415</b>	<b>\$3,051</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$3,282</b>	<b>\$3,050</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,927</b>	<b>\$189,064</b>	<b>\$185,750</b>	<b>\$180,958</b>	<b>\$174,018</b>

- Income for non-budgeted programs YTD through 10/31/22 was as follows

Music Ministry	
ASP	\$3,662
Food Pantry	
MAJC	\$450
Puppets	\$0
Ensminger Scholarship	\$615
Foundation Fund	
VBS	\$152
World Hunger	\$200
Memorials	\$540
Staff Appreciation	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,719</b>

Financial Secretary's Report 10/31/2022	
Budgeted Current Offering, Year-to-Date:	\$ 129,000
Actual Current Offering, Year-to-Date:	\$ 131,406
	<b>\$ 2,406</b>

ACTUAL MONTHLY CURRENT OFFERING							
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2021 SUM	2022 SUM
January	14,347	12,726	13,124	10,921	12,881	10,921	12,881
February	15,848	11,939	14,430	9,359	13,971	20,280	26,853
March	17,437	15,819	12,223	11,912	15,093	32,192	41,945
April	19,143	16,724	11,495	15,454	16,568	47,646	58,513
May	12,407	11,919	9,246	12,924	12,494	60,570	71,007
June	12,799	15,474	14,104	13,644	11,978	74,214	82,985
July	14,469	11,745	17,264	8,727	13,476	82,941	96,461
August	10,252	11,299	13,541	15,092	11,763	98,033	108,224
September	15,857	16,013	13,190	18,064	11,541	116,097	119,765
October	13,466	14,806	14,187	12,691	11,641	128,788	
November	18,973	16,084	14,624	17,268		146,056	
December	32,082	33,711	28,383	34,085		180,141	
<b>Yearly Totals:</b>	<b>199,065</b>	<b>187,808</b>	<b>175,811</b>	<b>180,141</b>		<b>180,141</b>	



## December 2022 Worship Volunteers



DATE	December 4		December 11		December 18		December 25
Assisting Ministers	2nd Sunday of Advent		3rd Sunday of Advent		4th Sunday of Advent		Christmas
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	10:00 AM
Ushers	John Markley & Paul Lotz	Linda & Mike Kehs	John Markley & Paul Ensminger	Volunteers Needed	Bill & Janet Luyben	Tricia Hawks & Robin Schlichter	TBD
Tech Team 11:00 AM	N/A	Fred Poust	N/A	Tim Arnold	N/A	John Fry	N/A
Acolytes	Brianna Minkon	Matthew Wolk	Garvey Wolk	Christopher Rittich	Claire Jonassen	Abby King	Logan & Dylan Dice
Counters	Tony & Anna Marie Damiani		Bruce & Sue Fulmer Diane Martin		Linda Kehs Mary Jane Kehs Ardie Musselman		Tim & Nancy Arnold
Altar Guild: Renee Bartlett, Janet Luyben, & Diane Martin							

### Please note:

"If anyone is interested in ushering during please contact the church office at: 610-287-7104 or email: [secretary@jelc.org](mailto:secretary@jelc.org). If you have never ushered before but would like to try it, training can be provided. It is a great way to help out with the church service."

# December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>December Parament Colors</i>  <i>December 4th: Blue December 11th: Blue December 18th: Blue</i>  <i>December 24th: White December 25th: White</i></p>				<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Steepleringers	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7 AM AA Meeting (YC)
<b>4 2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) 11 AM worship service Communion	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 7:00 PM JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)	<b>6</b> 7:30 PM Finance Committee Virtual Meeting	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting (Office Parlor) 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Steepleringers	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7 AM AA Meeting (YC)
<b>11 3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) 11 AM worship service 4:00 PM Congregational Potluck Christmas Party	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 10 AM Book Club Meeting (Souder's Residence) 7 PM Council Meeting (SH)	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Schwenksville Borough Authority Mtg (SH) 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Steepleringers	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7 AM AA Meeting (YC) 9 AM Chrismon Tree Decorating
<b>18 4th Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) 11 AM worship service <i>January Good News Deadline</i> <i>Poinsettias Orders Due</i> Communion	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 7 AM Meeting (YC) 4:00 PM Children's Annual Pageant 7:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service 10:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service Communion
<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 10:00 AM In-person single worship service with live streaming MERRY CHRISTMAS Communion	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> 7 AM AA Meeting (YC) Happy New Year!



## Church Council Members for 2022

Tony Damiani	President
Andy Englehart	Vice President
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Becky Johnson  
Paul Lotz  
Janet Luyben  
Diane Martin  
Robin Schlichter



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 AM Traditional Service with live streaming  
9:45 AM Sunday School - Christian Education  
11:00 AM Contemporary Service

## Give the Gift of Sight to Others – Donate your old & unused Eyeglasses

**We thank you** for your eyeglasses donations.

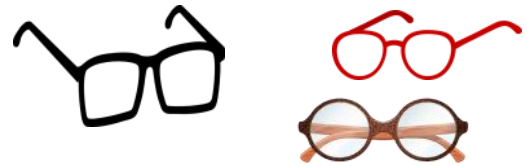
The boxes filled with the collected glasses will be sent to the Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center in central NJ.

Your donated eyeglasses will make a great difference in many people's lives.

### **Give the gift of sight to others.**

For more information about the NJ Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center visit [www.njlerc.org](http://www.njlerc.org).

**Please call the church office to  
schedule a drop-off.**



## **PASTOR'S SCHEDULE**

### **Office Hours for Pastor Stan**

**Monday- Day Off**  
**Tuesday- 10am till 3pm**  
**Wednesday - 12 Noon till 6 pm**  
**Thursday- 10 am till 3 pm**  
**Friday will remain flexible**



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