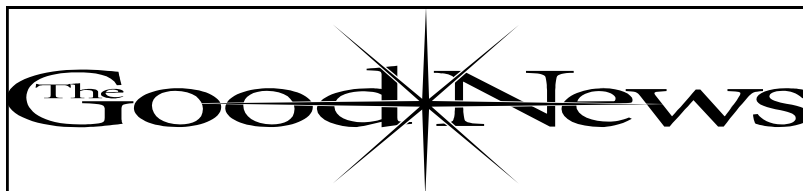


Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
311 Second Street
Schwenksville, PA 19473



~ April 9, 2023 ~



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

APRIL 2023

Looking Ahead

- ◆ Sunday, April 2nd - ***Palm Sunday***
- ◆ Monday: April 3rd - 7:00 PM: JLNSDC Board Meeting
- ◆ Tuesday, April 4th: 7:30 PM: Finance Virtual Meeting
- ◆ Thursday, April 6th - ***Maundy Thursday***
 - 11:00 AM-2PM: First Communion Instruction in the Youth Center
 - 12:00 PM: Combined Maundy Thursday Service with Heidelberg Church in the Social Hall.
 - 7:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- ◆ Friday, April 7th - ***Good Friday***
 - 4:00 PM: Good Friday Teen Reenactment Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 - 7:30 PM: Good Friday Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary
- ◆ Sunday, April 9th: ***Easter Sunday***
 - 7:00 AM: Community Easter Service at Ott's
 - 9:30 AM: Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- ◆ Monday, April 10th - 1:00 PM: Worship & Music Meeting (Office Parlor)
- ◆ Tuesday, April 11th - 7:00 PM: Council Meeting (SH)
- ◆ Wednesday, April 12th - 10:00 AM: Book Club Meeting (Office Parlor)
- ◆ Sunday, April 16th - ***May Good News Deadline***
- ◆ Thursday, April 20th - 9:30 PM: Care Team Meeting (YC)
- ◆ Sunday, April 22nd - 8:30 AM: Spring Clean-up
- ◆ Sunday, April 23rd - 7:30-11:00 AM: ASP Breakfast
- ◆ Saturday, April 29th - 11:00 AM: Bill Cressman's memorial service at Tabor UMC Church
- ◆ Sunday, April 30th - Trivia Night: 2:00-4:00 PM



PALM SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION!

April 2nd in the Social Hall
at 9:45 - 10:45 AM

We will have a special Palm Sunday
celebration followed by an Easter Egg Hunt!



Maundy Thursday, April 6

12:00 PM Combined Worship Service with friends from
Heidelberg UCC in the Social Hall with Communion.
7:30 PM: Worship Service in the Sanctuary with First Communion
celebration and stripping of the Altar.



Good Friday: Friday, April 7

7:30 PM: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

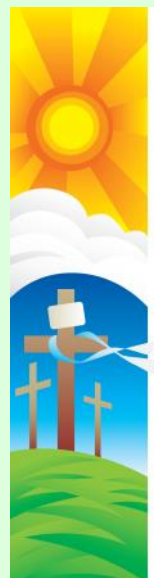


Sunday, April - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service at Ott's



9:30 AM: Easter Worship Service



Pastoral Thoughts from Pastor Stan...

I have chosen to share with you some items I have read in the past week hoping they will give you some inspiration, some need to think, some new insights:

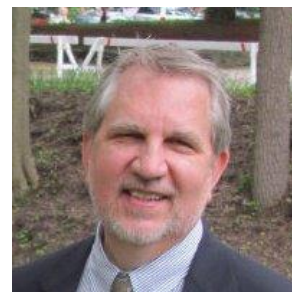
- 'Spend some time each day allowing the joy of God to fill your heart. Spend some time mourning with him, as joy is lost for so many. Any fasting is to remind us that the Lord of all joy suffers in his people, perhaps in people near to us. Prayer brings us near to others and near to God' (Sacred Space by Irish Jesuits)
- 'I pause for a moment and think of the love and the grace that God showers on me. I am created in the image and likeness of God; I am God's dwelling place.' (Sacred Space)
- 'True prayer is simple and trusting, sometimes without words: "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10). It can be good to dwell on a phrase or to savor a single word. (Sacred Space)

These are just a few of the words from this book which is serving as my Lenten reading devotions. To be filled with the joy of God in my heart, to pause to remember the love and grace God showers on us, to remember we are each a dwelling place for God, that prayer brings us near to those we pray for and to God and inspires me and restores my soul.

I am inviting you and challenging you to join with me and others to pray during Holy Week for all those who we know are in need, for each other, for ourselves and for Jerusalem. Jesus invites us to come before God with expectant hearts, asking for what we need. God is always listening to our prayers. "All things can be done for the one who believes." (Mark 9:23). So pray with the expectation that God is listening and responding to your prayers. Even in difficult times when we may feel alone we have the presence of the Holy Spirit. We have the love of Jesus. We are blessed as the dwelling place for God. The world is full of distrust, accusations, anger, resentment, but the Church of Jesus rejects these things and offers peace, acceptance, respect and yes love. It is my prayer we all turn to Jesus and seek this spirit of wholeness and joy for each other and for this congregation. Remember, all things can be done for those who believe, don't take my word rather take the word of Jesus who said it. So with prayers of peace, hope and joy for each of us I pray for Easter Joy for all!

With prayers of peace, hope and joy for each of us!

Pastor Stan



Greetings,

I would like to invite you and your child, fourth grade and above, to join this year's First Communion Class. As is the tradition at Jerusalem, first communion will take place on Maundy Thursday, April 6th during the 7:30 pm service. We will have Christian Glenda Ortiz and Pastor Stan meet with the class on that same day from 11 am till 2 pm (Pastor will join the class after the Maundy Thursday noon service) for instructions and preparation for this important step in your child's faith development.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My cell phone number is 240-707-1969 and my email address is gstan.steele@gmail.com.

I truly hope you and your child will join us for this meaningful experience.

Blessings,
Pastor Stan

IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!



On Easter morning the chancel will be filled with tulips and lilies.

Please check your appropriate selection indicating the number for each.

I wish to order _____ Tulip/Tulips (assorted, 5-6 blooms) @ **\$10.50 each**

I wish to order _____ Lily/Lilies (white, 5-6 blooms) @ **\$15.50 each**

I wish to make _____ Donation(s) of \$10.00 each to the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Response Fund

Please fill out the form below and drop in the offering plate or mail with exact change or check
(made to the order of *Jerusalem Lutheran Church*) to:

Jerusalem Lutheran Church
311 Second Street
Schwenksville, PA 19473
ATT: Easter Flowers/Donations



(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

In memory of _____

Or

In honor of _____

Presented by _____

You must notify the church office (610-287-7104) no later than Sunday, April 2, 2023.

You may pick up your flowers after the last service on Easter morning.



BREAKFAST

April 23, 2023

Sunday, April 23, 2023

7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Buffet style breakfast is back!!

All donations will benefit our ASP team



Come out and enjoy a meal during a great time of fellowship.

**Set-up will be on Saturday, April 22, 2023
at 12:00 PM in the Social Hall (Subject to change)**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Brett Poust
- 02 James Kohler, Kaelan Kulishoff
Kate Vossen
- 03 Laura Charles, Devin Scott
- 04 Rose Koehler, Michelle Waltimeyer,
Marie Mancini
- 06 Michael Mancini, Sam Vossen
- 07 Chrysta Stever Hooper, Kent Ziegler
- 08 Jessica Erb, Steve Lonesky
- 09 Jim Koehler
- 12 Ashley Gilbert
- 15 Linda Sheets
- 16 Christopher Fallon



- 18 Stacey King
- 19 Stacey Wisniewski, Eric Gilbert
- 21 Aaron Fry, Lindsay Fry
- 24 Anne Fisher, Jackson King
- 27 Leslie Leben
- 28 Matthew Cornell
- 30 Heather Rhoads Johnson





CARE TEAM

Sunshine Friends Birthdays: Jeanette Frey April 1st, Dorie Rahm May 6th
June Kolb May 17th

Easter bags for our Sunshine Friends will be hung up in the narthex on March 5th and will come down on April 2nd (Palm Sunday). Please remember our Sunshine Friends with some cards.

Ida Lance

Greenfield Senior Living
300 Perkiomen Ave.
Schwenksville, PA 19473

Lyman Lundeen

Providence Place
Senior Living
4000 Ridge Pike Room 120
Collegeville, PA 19426

Jeanette Frey

2849 Big Rd. Apt. 1116
Zieglerville, PA 19492

Jean Fulmer

20 Church Road
Schwenksville, PA 19473

June Kolb

Apartment 228
120 Buehrle Center
Topton, PA 19562

Jane Markley

211 Second St

Dorie Rahm

815 Maplewood Drive
APT 261
Harleysville, PA 19438

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



The children of Paul Lotz (Laura Ahlum, Pam Radicioni and Paul Lotz Jr.) will be donating the flowers for the cross for Easter Sunday in remembrance of Paul Lotz Sr.

Tickets to Sight and Sound to see "Miracle of Christmas" on Dec. 12th are available for purchase. Cost of tickets are \$71.00 10 of the 15 tickets have been reserved. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex or see Jack Bowman.

Our next meeting will be on April 20 at 9:30 AM in the Youth Center.



Memorial gifts were received by Jerusalem Lutheran Church

....in loving memory of Betty Annis from...

Carelyn Wissel, Karl & Judy McKeever.

in loving memory of Paul Lotz from...

Gene & Pat Miesse, Diane Martin, Tim & Nancy Arnold.

in loving memory of Bill Cressman from...

Gene & Pat Miesse.

in loving memory of Bernie Slemmer from...

*Diane Martin, Brian & Sandy Ling, June Walker, John & Frances Preston,
Joanne Souder, Michael & Kathy Gentile, Gene & Pat Miesse*

*The love and generosity which prompted these gifts is known by God
and appreciated by us.*



Bill Cressman's Memorial Service: We received confirmation on final arrangements for Bill Cressman's memorial service, scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 AM with catering lunch immediately following. Both memorial service and luncheon will be held at:

Tabor UMC Church

2209 Hendricks Station Rd, Woxall, PA 18979.

Please RSVP contacting Kathy Speck at 484-686-6223.

Spring Clean-up



The Green Team is having a Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 22nd starting at 8:30 AM. Please reach out to Tony Damiani or the church office to volunteer! We can use all the helping hands we can get!

Thanks in advance for your assistance.



Trivia Night: The Generosity Team and Church Council are going to host a family-fun trivia night on April 30th from 2-4pm in the Social Hall. Teams of up-to 8 people will answer intergenerational trivia questions and compete for great prizes, while enjoying complimentary refreshments. A donation of \$50 dollars per table is requested to enter your team and reserve your table.

Whatever donations are received, a matching donation from the benevolence fund will be made to Better Days Ahead Outreach. Gather your kids, friends, parents and grandparents, reserve your table by calling the church office, visiting JELC.org and then join us for a fun afternoon of trivia to benefit a good cause. Not joining for trivia? Please contribute to this church event by donating food or prizes!

ANNOUNCEMENT

ENSMINGER SCHOLARSHIP - 2023



If you are a high school senior or any member of JELC who is planning on continuing further education, then we have news for you.

The Reverend Kenneth S. Ensminger Scholarship was established in 1994 to honor Pastor Emeritus Kenneth S. Ensminger, former pastor of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Since 1994, one or more scholarships have been awarded each year to members of Jerusalem Lutheran Church who are seeking further education. To date, the number of scholarships awarded totals 56.

The application for the scholarship is contained in this issue of the **Good News**. Applications will also be available in the Church office. If you have any questions or concerns while completing this application, then please contact Carol or John Souder at 610-287-8651.

All completed applications are due by **Sunday, April 30, 2023**

THE REVEREND KENNETH S. ENSMINGER SCHOLARSHIP
Application for 2023

We appreciate your interest in applying for the Ensminger Scholarship.

Please answer all items completely and accurately. Use a separate sheet as necessary.

The deadline for applications is **Sunday, April 30, 2023**. Please hand deliver or mail your completed application to John and Carol Souder, 304 Adrain Road, Collegeville, PA 19426 or give your application to the Church Secretary, Glenda Ortiz.

Eligibility requirements are that each applicant must be a member of Jerusalem Lutheran Church (one year minimum) and a high school graduate, graduating senior, or any member planning to continue education.

All applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship(s) will be awarded based on the three main areas listed on this application: Scholarship; Service/ Activities at JELC; Service/ Activities in School and Community. One to three scholarships will be presented this year based on the By-Laws of the Ensminger Scholarship Fund.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Mother's Address (if different): _____

Father's Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Father's Address (if different): _____

List Siblings (name and age)

Name of High School you attend (attended):

Address:

Date of Graduation: _____ GPA _____ Rank _____ Out of _____

List Awards/Honors Received during High School: (use separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Attach or have sent your **Official Transcript**.
The information must be received by **Sunday, April 30, 2023**.

On a separate sheet(s) of paper complete the following:

1. List your JELC Service/Activities in which you have participated:
2. List your High School Service/Activities:
3. List your Community Service/Activities:
4. Select two of the activities in which you have participated and on a separate sheet of paper, describe how you have personally benefited from each activity.
5. List colleges, universities or other schools to which you have applied and/or been accepted and indicate your choice if you have made one.
6. List your choice of major or specialization.
7. Write a brief paragraph stating your reasons for wanting to pursue your chosen career.

Please submit at least **two letters of recommendation** from people (not related to you) who can comment on your activities, work habits, achievements and character. All letters of recommendation and the completed application must be submitted by **Sunday, April 30, 2023**. Should you have any questions or require any clarification, please contact the Souders at 610-287-8651.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that all the information contained in this application is original, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and that all is made in good faith.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Dated: _____

Dated: _____



JERUSALEM LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL AND DAY CARE CENTER

In April, the children and staff at Jerusalem Lutheran Day Care are looking forward to a month filled with joy and celebration. As we prepare for the Easter holiday, we can't wait to decorate, hide and hunt for eggs. In addition, Pastor Stan will be visiting us to share some Easter truths and reflections with us. We will also enjoy an Easter party with lots of delicious treats. Next, we will be celebrating *The Week of the Young Child* from April 3rd-7th. This year we are planning to honor the children with a variety of extra fun and exciting activities. For example, the week will be busy with, Michael Kropp performing a sing-a-long concert in the social hall, a visit from the Kona Ice truck, a water safety program presented by Goldfish Swim School, as well as a few additional surprises. We are very thankful for each precious boy and girl which God has sent to JLNS&DC. It is our sincere hope and desire they will experience God's love and blessings not only in April but all throughout the year!

Reminder: Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School is currently registering three, four and five year old children for the 2023-2024 school year. In addition, Jerusalem Lutheran Day Care is accepting registrations for our Kindergarten Enrichment program along with our Before and After School program for students in grades 1st through 5th for the coming school year. For more information on these programs, please call the JLNS&DC office at 610-287-6360.

Reminder: Like us on Facebook to see all the latest happenings at Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School and Day Care.

Mark Your Calendar



CPR & AED Training

Plymouth Ambulance will assist in offering a CPR/AED class on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. It will include adult and child CPR plus use of our AED. This class will be free of charge. With the new guidelines, lay people do not have to do the breaths if they are concerned about diseases. If interested please sign-up on form on the Bulletin Board or by Sign-up Genius link shared via email, or by contacting the church office.

Vacation Bible School 2023



June 19th-23rd, from 9AM-12PM

(Registration starts at 8:45 AM)

Closing Program, Sunday, June 25th at 9:30 AM.

Registration: Church Secretary - Glenda Ortiz, secretary@jelc.org

Join us as we learn to pray and learn how Jesus teaches "Give us this day our daily bread" as we lean on God to fill us with his Word and provide for us. Kids will learn:

God is Great!

God is Good!

We are Thankful for our Food!

By God's Hands we are Fed!

Give Us, Lord, Our Daily Bread!

"Give Us, Lord, Our Daily Bread"

Matthew 6:11



Currently seeking additional volunteers!
Please contact the church office if you would like to participate

**JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2023**



NAME: _____ AGE _____

(must be 4 by June 1st) Any nickname that is preferred?

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ GRADE COMPLETED _____

PARENT(S) NAME _____

WORK/CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT/

RELATIONSHIP _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER(S)

Name of person(s) permitted to pick up child from VBS _____

Any medical situation, allergies, or concerns that the directors need to be aware of?

Are you interested/available to help with VBS in any manner – assisting, preparing crafts, providing snacks, etc.? Let us know your interests and availability? _____

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE: Parent (or legal guardian) must sign on behalf of minor children (under the age of 18).

I hereby grant to Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC), its employees, contractors, agents, and assigns permission to use my photograph, and to use my name, image, and/or likeness for any purpose in Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church's publications and on its website, including marketing or educational materials, and in any and all other media now known or hereafter invented. I agree that I will not make any claim against Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church (for breach of privacy or otherwise) for any of the above uses, and therefore release and forever discharge Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church from any claim, suit, demand, or action arising from any and all such uses.

Parent Signature _____

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Parent Signature _____

Thank You

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran Church Members,

Thank you for your generous donation dated 12/27/22. With your generosity, we were able to provide food and other items to a record number of clients in December. We had a total of 311 households comprising 1216 individuals; that number included 494 children and 163 elderly whose lives were positively impacted by our benevolent community. many of our clients told us that they would have no holiday without the assistance that your donation helped make possible.

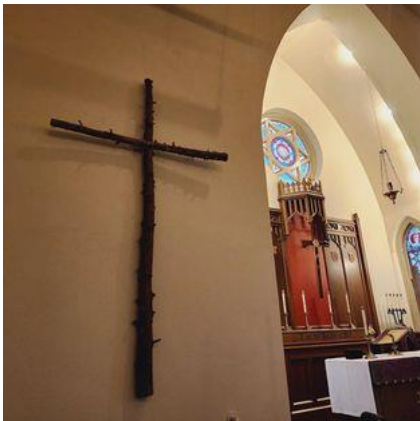
In recent months we have seen a continual increase in client numbers. As we move to meet the challenges during this new year, we ask that you remember the words of Abraham Lincoln: "To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own"

Sincerely,
Loretta Stever
Executive Director

To Members of Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your long history of service to Schwenksville and the surrounding communities. Our families has lived within the sound of your bells for sixty years. We appreciate the kindness you have demonstrated in agreeing to toll the bell 92 times on St. Patrick's day in honor of John J. Maley's years on this earth. We have always enjoyed hearing the bells and hymns. The church is a beautiful landmark in our town. We are glad to be your neighbors.

Sincerely,
The Maley Family



Have you noticed the beautiful wooden cross that gets displayed in our Sanctuary? This cross gets displayed during the Lent season. During the Easter season, it gets adorned with a spray of beautiful flowers. This cross was made out of the branches of our first Chrismon tree dated back from 1964.

We would like to thank Tim Arnold and Paul Ensminger for helping putting up the cross for display this year. It is quite a team effort to accomplish this task.



Thank You

A very special thank you to our dear brother in Christ Jack Bowman for his devotion and dedication and putting these crosses on the doors of the church in preparation for the beginning of the Lent season.



Council Highlights

Council Meeting on March 14, 2023

Council discussed and approved the return to Bread for Communion in place of the wafers. Gluten free wafers will continue to be available.

There is focus on completing some much-needed work on the buildings. Council is prioritizing this work and getting quotes. As the first step this year, approval was given to proceed with exterior painting of the office building. In addition, there is a plan to replace gutters on the office building as well.

Council is scheduling a Spring clean-up for Saturday, April 22, beginning at 8:30 am. This work will focus on cleaning and sprucing up the exterior of the buildings and flower beds. Volunteers are needed, and the announcement will be in the bulletins.

There is much to be done at Jerusalem. All are encouraged to share their time and talents in whatever way possible. Please feel free to reach out to staff or council if you would like to volunteer.

Happy Spring and Happy Easter!

Enhancement of Staff Responsibilities

With a recommendation from the Mutual Ministry Team to Church Council it was decided to increase Glenda's hours by ten hours a week. This additional time is to be used to plan and implement church fellowship events such as the Epiphany Celebration and the Mardi Gras Celebration that have occurred this year. The other area is to assist and enhance the Youth Ministry of Jerusalem. Glenda will work with those who are involved in these areas and provide additional opportunities for these ministries. These hours will not change the church office hours although she may be in the office beyond the present 3:00 pm time when needed but this time will also be for planning purposes that may occur at home and in attending the various events. This change is evidence of the growth of the ministries of Jerusalem as we broaden our ministries after Covid. Please continue to pray for Glenda, David and Pastor Stan as they lead and support Jerusalem.

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.



Good News Deadline

GOOD NEWS DEADLINE For the May Edition is **Sunday, April 16, 2023**

Please send all submissions to secretary@jelc.org or drop off at the Church office.

FINANCE UPDATE –MARCH 2023

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

Current Income for the month of February was \$18,416 and Current Expenses were \$20,221 for a shortfall of **\$1,805**.

Current Income for the year to date was \$34,066 and Current Expenses were \$43,225 for a shortfall of **\$9,159**. Total Income for the month of February was \$19,222 and Total Expenses were \$20,221 for a shortfall of **\$999**. Total Income for the year to date was \$35,205 and Total Expenses were \$43,225 for a shortfall of **\$8,020**.

Attendance for the month of February was 412, an increase of 97 from 2022.

Year to date attendance was 754, an increase of 300 from the total of 454 in 2022.

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 FEBRUARY 2023

	Feb-23	YTD 2023	YTD BUDGET	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Total Current Expenses	\$20,221	\$43,225	\$53,844	\$52,107	\$27,802
Benevolence Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$3,384	\$0	\$2,834
Capital Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,282	\$1,978
Total Expenses	\$20,221	\$43,225	\$57,228	\$54,389	\$32,614

Expenses for non-budgeted programs YTD through 2/28//23 were as follows:

Food Pantry
World Hunger
Lutheran World Relief

ASP \$1,711

MAJC

Memorials \$0

Puppet Ministry

World Vision

Flowers

Ensminger Scholarship

Confirmation

Puppet Ministry

Library

Disaster Response \$0

Total for non-budgeted programs \$1,711

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE COMPARISONS							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022 SUM	2023 SUM
January	403	469	99	244	342	244	342
February	461	509	40	315	412	454	754
March	546	0	118	312		766	
April	871	0	280	488		1254	
May	357	0	251	250		1504	
June	405	0	147	268		1772	
July	368	56	145	217		1989	
August	305	126	215	166		2155	
September	493	101	257	245		1797	
October	423	110	258	260		2070	
November	455	117	257	274		2344	
December	924	UNKNOWN	392	451		2795	
Yearly Totals:	6011	1488	2459	2795		2795	

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT FEBRUARY 2023

	Feb-23	YTD	YTD BUDGET	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Current Giving	\$12,501	\$26,503	\$33,333	\$26,853	\$20,280
Other Current Income	\$5,915	\$7,563	\$5,542	\$11,411	\$5,909
Total Current Income	\$18,416	\$34,066	\$38,875	\$38,264	\$26,189
Benevolence Giving	\$366	\$441	\$500	\$134	\$190
Other Benevolence	\$200	\$200	\$4,333	\$9	
Total Benevolence Income	\$566	\$641	\$4,833	\$143	\$190
Building Income	\$240	\$498	\$167	\$499	\$1,034
Bequest Building			\$1,167		
Total Building Income	\$240	\$498	\$1,334	\$499	\$1,034
Total Income	\$19,222	\$35,205	\$45,042	\$38,906	\$27,413

• Income for non-budgeted programs YTD through 2/28/23 was as follows

Music Ministry	
ASP	\$1,228
Food Pantry	
MAJC	\$80
Puppets	\$0
Ensminger Scholarship	\$50
Foundation	
Fund	
VBS	
World Hunger	
Memorials	\$650
Staff Appreciation	
TOTAL	<u>\$2,008</u>

Financial Secretary's Report 2/28/2023	
Budgeted Current Offering, Year-to-Date:	\$ 33,333
Actual Current Offering, Year-to-Date:	\$ 26,503
	\$ (6,830)

ACTUAL MONTHLY CURRENT OFFERING							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022 SUM	2023 SUM
January	12,726	13,124	10,921	12,881	14,002	12,881	14,002
February	11,939	14,430	9,359	13,971	12,501	26,853	26,503
March	15,819	12,223	11,912	15,093		41,945	
April	16,724	11,495	15,454	16,568		58,513	
May	11,919	9,246	12,924	12,494		71,007	
June	15,474	14,104	13,644	11,978		82,985	
July	11,745	17,264	8,727	13,476		96,461	
August	11,299	13,541	15,092	11,763		108,224	
September	16,013	13,190	18,064	11,541		119,765	
October	14,806	14,187	12,691	11,641		131,406	
November	16,084	14,624	17,268	17,179		148,585	
December	33,711	28,383	34,085	31,729		180,314	
Yearly Totals:	187,808	175,811	180,141	180,314		180,314	



April 2023 Worship Volunteers



DATE	April 2		April 9		April 16		April 23		April 30	
	Palm Sunday		Easter Sunday							
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	7:00 AM	9:30 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Ushers	Paul Ensminger John Markley & Joan Connolly	Mike Kehs & Linda Kehs	Paul Ensminger John Markley & Joan Connolly	Garvey & Matthew Wolk	Bill & Janet Luyben	Tricia Hawks & Robin Schlichter	Paul Ensminger John Markley & Joan Connolly	Chas & Gina Weygand	TBD	Michael DiDomenico
Tech Team 11:00 AM	N/A	Tim Arnold & Glenda Ortiz	N/A	N/A	N/A	Fred Poust	N/A	John Fry	N/A	Fred Poust
Acolytes	Brianna Minkon	Nico DiDomenico	N/A	Dylan & Logan Dice Claire Jonassen Brianna Minkon	Justin Minkon	Megan Kulp	Brianna Minkon	Abby King	Claire Jonassen	Peyton Schaffer
Counters	Tony & Anna Marie Damiani		Bruce & Sue Fulmer Diane Martin		Linda Kehs Mary Jane Kehs Ardie Musselman		Tim & Nancy Arnold		Babs DeFrenes & Jack Bowman	
Altar Guild: Tricia Hawks, Rose Koehler, Janet Luyben, & Diane Martin Banners: Louise Hunsicker, Carol & John Souder										

Please note:

"If anyone is interested in ushering during please contact the church office at: 610-287-7104 or email: 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."



April 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 10:00 AM Adoration Rehearsal 9:45 AM Palm Sunday Sunday School Celebration 11:00 AM worship service Parameters: Purple Communion	3 6-7:00 PM Yoga (SH) 7:00 PM JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)	4 7:30 PM Finance Committee Virtual Meeting	5 6:00 PM: Mustard Seed Puppeteers Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	6 Maundy Thursday 11:00 AM: First Communion Instruction (YC) 12:00 PM Combine Service with Heidelberg UCC in the Social Hall 7:30 PM: Service with First Communion in the Sanctuary Parameters: Purple Communion	7 Good Friday 4:00 PM Good Friday Teen Drama Reenactment Rehearsal 7:30 PM Good Friday Tenbrae Service in Sanctuary Parameters: None	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)
9 Easter Sunday 7:00 AM Sunrise Community Easter Service at Ott's 9:30 AM Easter Service at JELC Parameters: White Communion	10 1:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting (Office Parlor) 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC)	11 7:00 PM Council Meeting (SH)	12 10 AM Book Club Meeting 6:00 PM: Mustard Seed Puppeteers Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	13 6:30 PM Steepleingers	14	15 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)
16 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) 11 AM worship service <i>May Good News Deadline</i> Parameters: White Communion	17 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC)	18	19 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	20 9:30 AM Care Team Meeting 6:30 PM Steepleingers	21	22 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC) 8:30 AM Spring Clean-up
23 ASP Breakfast 7:30 –11 AM ASP Breakfast 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) 11:00 AM worship service Parameters: White	24 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC) 7:30 PM Maple Hill Assc. Meeting (YC)	25	26 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	27 6:30 PM Steepleingers	28	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC) 11:00 Bill Cressman Memorial Service & Luncheon
30 Trivia Night 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) 11:00 AM worship service 2-4 PM: Trivia Night (SH) Parameters: White						



Church Council Members for 2023

Tony Damiani	President
Andy Englehart	Vice President
	Secretary
Caesar Gorski, Jr.	Treasurer
Renee Bartlett	Financial Secretary

Becky Dice
Norma Grosick
Janet Luyben
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Jennifer Wolk



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.

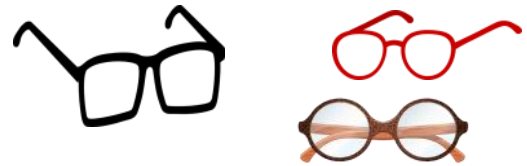
The boxes filled with the collected glasses will be sent to the Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center in central NJ.

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

Give the gift of sight to others.

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**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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