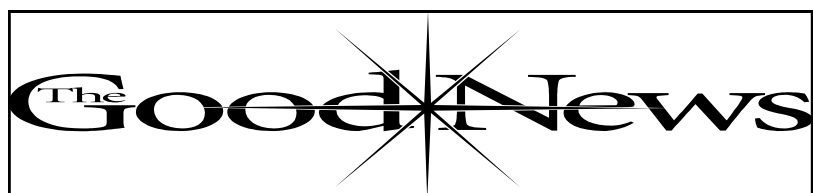


Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
311 Second Street  
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*Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

**November 2023**

# Looking Ahead

- ◆ **Sunday, November 5th: All Saints Sunday ( Daylight saving time ends)**  
9:45 AM: Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
- ◆ Monday, November 6th - 10:00 AM: Fall Prevention Class (YC)  
7:00 PM: JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
- ◆ Tuesday, November 7th - 7:30 PM: Finance Virtual Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, November 8th - 1:00 PM: Worship & Music Meeting (Office Parlor)
- ◆ **Sunday, November 12th - 9:30 AM: Single worship service followed by Annual Meeting**
- ◆ **Sunday, November 12th: ASP Breakfast following Annual Meeting**
- ◆ Monday, November 13th - 6:30 PM: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Begins (Sanctuary)
- ◆ Tuesday, November 14th- 7:00 PM: Council Meeting (SH)
- ◆ Thursday, November 16th - 9:30 AM: Care Team Meeting (YC)
- ◆ Sunday, November 19th - 9:45 AM: Sunday School Operation Christmas Child Project
- ◆ Monday, November 20th - 6:30 PM: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- ◆ Tuesday, November 21st- 10 AM: Book Club Meeting (Office Parlor)
- ◆ Wednesday, November 22nd - 12:00 PM: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Heidelberg UCC Church  
7:00 PM: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Heidelberg UCC Church
- ◆ **Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day**
- ◆ **Sunday, November 26th: Christ the King Sunday**
- ◆ Monday, November 27th - 6:30 PM: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal ( Sanctuary)



**Time to fall back.  
Don't forget to turn your  
clocks back one hour on  
Saturday night,  
November 4th! .**



**All Confirmands  
Sunday, November 5th  
at 9:45 AM  
in the Sanctuary.**



## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

The first Sunday in November is the day to remember our sisters & brothers in Christ who have died during the preceding year.

The names of members will be read during the Worship Service and the bell will toll as each name is read.

We will have a table for folks to share photos of loved ones that have passed. We will acknowledge these folks in the service. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in this way please drop the picture with the name of the person off to the church office, Pastor Stan or David Crist. I

***"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 confess,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 In the Sanctuary**

**Following a Single Worship Service at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary**  
**No Christian Education**

You are important to this process...Hope to see you all there!



## BREAKFAST

November 12th, 2023

Sunday, November 12th, 2023  
following the Congregational  
Annual Meeting



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



Set-up will be on Sunday, November 12th, 2023  
at 8:00 AM in the Social Hall



### 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:**  
11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18  
from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

***Dress rehearsal will be held on  
Sunday, December 17th at 12 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 the  
church office with any question or to confirm you will  
be participating.



### Thanksgiving Eve Service at Heidelberg Church

Pastor Adrian Tierson and the Heidelberg Church  
congregation have invited members of  
Jerusalem Church to join them **two times** on  
Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, for services:

- ◆ A noon service will be held in the  
Heidelberg Sanctuary for those who prefer a  
daytime worship and/or do not drive at night. If  
transportation is needed for this service, please  
call the office or Babs de Frenes at
- ◆ 610-657-1191. At **7:00 PM** there will be a  
combined service with light refreshments  
afterwards.

Please join us as we praise God for his many  
blessings of food, family and fellowship.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Andrew Tarbet
- 02 Jennifer Arnold Brevoort,  
Crystal Koehler
- 04 Janet Luyben
- 06 Collin Elvidge, Brett Wells,  
Sarah Wise
- 07 Marcia Elvidge
- 11 William Ford
- 13 Pam McHugh
- 14 Bruce Fulmer, Karen Sanders
- 15 Jeff Gosch
- 17 Cody Meng
- 20 Thomas Bionda
- 21 Barbara Blanchard
- 24 Flossie Wood
- 25 Madeline Fedyk
- 27 Debbie Shainline
- 30 Ashley Bartlett,  
Donna Campbell



### Bus Trip To NY

Heidelberg UCC has  
arranged with Perkiomen  
Bus Tours a trip to New  
York City for Saturday,  
December 9, 2023

It is free time in the city;  
some people are taking in  
a Broadway show, and others are seeing the  
sights. They have 10-12 seats remaining and  
would like to know if our church members  
would be interested?

It's \$50 per person, **due November 1.**

Anyone interested is welcome to email Vicki  
Bosler at: [vboz486@gmail.com](mailto:vboz486@gmail.com).



**Dear JELC Family,**

Our Sunday School classes are participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year.

### **What is Operation Christmas Child?**

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift—filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

On **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** we will gather to pack the shoeboxes. We are asking for donations of items to fill these boxes. There will be a collection box in the coffee corner. We have provided a list of suggested items for the collection. Missionaries will hand deliver the boxes and invite the child and their families to probably the first Christmas Party they have ever experienced.

### **Suggested Donation Items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:**

Small doll	School Supplies	Yoyo
Small coloring books	Tool kits	Bandana
Stuff Toy	Dinosaurs	Headbands, hair bows
Small Puzzles	Stickers	Toothbrush
Harmonica	Plastic animals	Socks
Chap Stick	Cars/trucks	Comb/brush
Slinky	Sunglasses	Necklaces, bracelets,
Bandaids	Cards/travel games	rings
Play-doh	Balls	

**\*\*Please do not donate any snacks, food, or gum, toothpaste, liquids, scary or war related items, or hazardous items\*\***

PLEASE bring in all items by **NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>** so we can sort items and prepare them for shoebox project on November 19th during the Sunday school hour.

Thank you so much for your generosity and helping our children to learn to serve God through helping others in need!



**ASP Special Events-Mark your Calendars: 2024 Date: July 20/21-27**

Location: TBD (request for Kentucky)

Eligibility: Have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and be 14 years old

Cost: minimum deposit \$75

Fundraiser Dates:

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** – Italian Dinner

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Taco Lunch

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Hoagie Sale

**\*\*Help will be needed for all fundraisers either the day before or early in the morning before church to set up and prep food\*\***

Adult contacts:

Caesar Gorski

Robin Schlichter

Norma Grosick

Jennifer Wolk

Becky Dice

Karen Vossen





### *Pastoral Musings...*

This will be a short piece. I try to write in a way that will be meaningful and helpful. Some months my mind struggles to create such an article. This is such a month. What I have is to ask you to concentrate on the parts of life that you are thankful for, which give you meaning and purpose. No matter how difficult life can be I still believe there are people and things to be thankful for. For me this would include my newly born granddaughter, Lily Victoria Reynolds and her older sister Oliva along with their mother, my daughter Victoria and her husband

Jackson. I am also thankful for my son Andrew and daughter Rachael and my wife Stephanie.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this faith community known as Jerusalem and for each of you. I am thankful for the beauty of Fall and the richness of nature in all its parts. I am thankful for the faith God has blessed me with and the love of Jesus and the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

I could go on but you can perceive my point that there is much in our lives to give thanks for. Yes, there are also parts of life that are painful and challenging and out of our control as life is a combination of the blessings and the hardships. We tend to concentrate on the challenges of life over the blessings as they seem so prevalent and overwhelming. So I would like to ask you to take a few moments and think of all the people and things that bring you delight and peace and a sense of belonging. Let these be the counter weight to all the other parts of life that take this from you. Remember we are followers of the light that the darkness cannot overcome. Hold to the strength God gives you, the abiding love of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit within you.

If you need help in seeing and accepting all the good life has given you and all the folks that care about you please speak to me and we will explore this together for all of us at times lose sight of the blessings in comparison to the hardships. Our perspective shapes our sense of reality. Living with hope and thankfulness comes when we can accept the presence of all that is good in our lives and when we sense and believe the power of love of God for us. Remember Jesus himself was overwhelmed at times. When this occurred he prayed to his Father for strength and confidence. He reminded himself of the strength he was given and regained the assurance of the love and faith he needed to continue to show the light and goodness of God.

I pray we all find time in this month to see and acknowledge the gifts we have been given and the faith we were given by God. For surely with the presence of the God we worship will not only sustain us but empower us to embrace life even with all the challenges for we know we are blessed by God each day of our lives.

With Blessings and Thanks for each of you.

Pastor Stan



**Fall Prevention Classes** will begin Monday, November 6th at 10 am in the Youth Center. Carrie Burger, a licensed Physical Therapist and member of Jerusalem will be leading the class. As we age we all have more challenges with balance which may lead to falls. The classes will discuss reasons for falls and exercises to help prevent walls. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office or just come and be a part. It will be fun and helpful!!



# 1st Sunday of Advent *Advent Adventure Luncheon*



*Sunday, December 3rd at  
12:00 PM Just after 11 AM Service.*

**Carols, Crafts, Food & Fellowship!**  
*Invite your family, friends & neighbors  
to join us as we celebrate & anticipate Christ's Birth!*

Sign up and bring a side dish, salad, fruit or dessert.



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 17, 2023**

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 31, 2023 after single service at 10:00 AM.  
Any flowers left will be distributed to our shut-ins.**



## **CARE TEAM**

***Sunshine Friends Birthdays:*** No birthdays in November.

**Looking forward** - Jack Bowman is looking to purchase tickets to see "Daniel" at Sight and Sound theatre on Tues. July 9th, 2024. We need a total of 15 people to get the ticket discount. 12 spots have already been reserved. Price of discounted ticket is \$94. Please see Jack Bowman if you are interested.

The Care Team is starting a Prayer Circle. When someone needs immediate prayers the Prayer Circle will be notified and will pray for your special need. This does not take the place of prayers we say weekly at church services. If you have a prayer need, please contact Pastor Stan or Babs deFrenes and they will activate the Prayer Chain. If you are interested in participating in the Prayer Circle, please let us know. We currently have 10 people who will personally pray for your needs.

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people” ~Ephesians 6:18



Bags for our Sunshine Friends will be hung in the Narthex starting Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and will be taken down on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00am service and distributed. Please remember our Sunshine Friends for Christmas with cards.

### **Ida Lance**

Greenfield Senior Living  
300 Perkiomen Ave.  
Schwenksville, PA 19473

### **Jeanette Frey**

2849 Big Rd. Apt. 1116  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

### **Jean Fulmer**

20 Church Road  
Schwenksville, PA 19473

### **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

**Our next meeting will be on November 16th at 9:30 AM in the Youth Center.**



We welcomed Madeline Conte and Samuel Morris into our fellowship of disciples here at Jerusalem on Sunday, October 22nd. Each one of them adds distinctive gifts and perspective which will strengthen our community of faith. We look forward to our mutual journey to build the light of Christ in this place.

Maddie and Sam will be getting married here at Jerusalem Church on Friday, November 3rd. Maddie’s familial roots run deep at Jerusalem Lutheran Church. She will be the 5th generation to be married in this church.



**Logan Charles Smith**,  
born on October 19, 2023.  
Logan is grandson of Rose and  
Jim Koehler, and son of  
Owen and Deanna Smith.



**Lily Victoria Reynolds**,  
born on October 23, 2023.  
Lily is granddaughter of  
Pastor Stan and daughter of  
Victoria & Jackson Reynolds



# Events Highlights



## Fall Fest

Thank you to all who came out and joined us for our Fall Fest at Olszanowski Farm on October 7th.

We enjoyed a beautiful evening of fellowship among friends and guests.

We were very grateful for turnout of perfect weather and a amazing sunset.

Special thank you to Norma Grosick and all who collaborated and helped make this event possible.



## Thank You

Dear JLEC Congregation:

Thanksgiving is a time when most of us express our thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. And it is also a time when we express our thanks to those around us that have done something good for us or for others. So, I'd like to thank the JELC congregation for all the giving of themselves, their time, and their possessions over the last year. There are many contributions, seen and unseen, that are what help this church go on. To those of you that have contributed to Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in any way, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation. A very blessed and thankful Thanksgiving to you all.

Tony Damiani  
JELC Congregation President







## JERUSALEM LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL AND DAY CARE CENTER

The children and staff are looking forward to a month filled with gratitude and thankfulness as we count our blessings during this Thanksgiving season. First, we will be focusing on the importance of sharing and caring for others. Each class will be collecting food items to donate to the Daily Bread Food Pantry. Next, in honor of Veterans Day, we will be drawing pictures and making cards to send to the veterans who are residing at the Southeastern Veterans' Center in Spring City to thank and honor them for their service to our country. In addition, we will be presenting cards of gratitude to the veterans from the Roy S. Leidy American Legion Post 203 who will once again be visiting JLNS&DC, a tradition which was started many years ago by Mr. Francis Moser. Later in the month, we plan to make Thanksgiving cards to send to our Sunshine Friends. Finally, we will be walking to the Greenfield Retirement Community to deliver goodie bags to the residents. By the end of the month, we hope the children and staff will display an "Attitude of Gratitude" to one and all!



The children and staff at JLDC have been enthusiastically following the Phillies during their playoff run. Our pep rallies have been a source of great fun! To date, we've enjoyed tossing Cracker Jacks, swinging rally towels, and ringing our own version of the home run bell. Win or lose, we love our Phillies. Go Phillies!!!

Recently, Jerusalem Lutheran Day Care was inspected by a licensing agent from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). The unannounced inspection is an annual requirement for all licensed child care centers in Pennsylvania. We are pleased to report that JLDC passed the inspection with flying colors! JLDC was found to be in compliance with all state regulations. The agent offered high praise for our staff for their qualifications, years of experience and interactions with the children. The agent commented on how happy and well cared for all of the children were. In addition, the agent deemed our center's record keeping exceptional. Congratulations to our dedicated and hardworking staff for a job well done!



Special thanks to Glenda Ortiz and Tony Damiani, JELC members, for their tireless efforts to get the JLNS&DC phone system in working order once again. We are very grateful for their hard work and help!



Happy  
ANNIVERSARY



### *Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church Nursery School & Day Care*

On September 30th JLNSDC celebrated their 50th Anniversary of serving the community. We had the pleasure of having former teachers, students, parents and Interim Pastor Mathisen (not pictured but present) join us for this special milestone.

We also had the privilege of having a special visit from the Mayor of Schwenksville, Debra L. Svenkeson, awarding JLNSDC with a Certificate of Appreciation honoring their years of service.

A special thank you for the JLNSDC Planning Committee for organizing and their months of planning for making this celebration possible.

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS –SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

The regular October meeting was called to order on the above date at 7:05 PM by Tony Damiani. Members in attendance in person were Renee Bartlett, Caesar Gorski, Becky Dice, Norma Grosick, Robin Schlicter, Pastor Stan and Jennifer Wolk. Absent from the meeting were Janet Luyben and Andy Englehart.

- ◆ General Discussion on handrail in stairwell.
- ◆ Recommendation: Approval of Slater for snow removal this winter season. Unanimously approved.
- ◆ Tony to send quote for door locks in Social Hall and Daycare door at top of the stairs. The church will pay for half of the expense and propose the Daycare pay the other half. Motion made by Jen, Caesar seconded. Unanimously approved.
- ◆ Mutal Ministry – Pastor to have Glenda supply a list of volunteers that work with youth to Marcia. Volunteer FAQ from the State of PA are available in to google drive for reference.
- ◆ General discussion on Christmas Eve services and acolyte schedule.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ◆ General discussion on Synod response to crisis/war in Israel.
- ◆ Operation Christmas Child Shoebox, announcement to be put in church bulletins.
- ◆ Schwenksville Halloween Parade, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Recommendation by Caesar if parents and children can be recruited to participate in Halloween Parade we have Sunday school participate. Seconded by Jen. Unanimously approved.

## ***Good News Deadline***

**GOOD NEWS DEADLINE** For the **DECEMBER** Edition is  
***Sunday, November 19th, 2023***

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

## ***Finance Committee***

### **FINANCE UPDATE – OCTOBER 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 September was \$16,002 and Current Expenses were \$22,609 which was a shortfall of **\$6,607**.

Current Income for the year to date was \$161,206 and Current Expenses were \$228,716 for a shortfall of **\$67,510**.

Total Income for the month of September was \$16,580 and Total Expenses were \$23,259 for a shortfall of **\$6,679**.

Total Income for the year to date was \$181,791 and Total Expenses were \$291,791 for a shortfall of **\$110,037**.

Attendance for the month of September was 319 an increase of 74 over September 2022. Year to date attendance was 3,132, an increase of 627 from the total of 2,505 in 2022.

We have liquidated \$38,000 from the Foundation Fund, with more anticipated, and \$43,000 from the Building Fund. It is important to note that the more that is liquidated from the reserve accounts, the less income that these reserves will generate!

*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, whether it be financially or with your time and talents!

Thank You.

The Finance Committee

## TREASURER EXPENSE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

	September-23	YTD 2023	YTD BUDGET	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
<b>Total Current Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,609</b>	<b>\$228,716</b>	<b>\$242,253</b>	<b>\$230,339</b>	<b>\$189,461</b>
<b>Benevolence Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,768</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,336</b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$63,112</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,175</b>	<b>\$2,559</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,259</b>	<b>\$291,828</b>	<b>\$258,021</b>	<b>\$243,514</b>	<b>\$203,356</b>

Expenses for non-budgeted programs YTD through 9/30/23 were as follows:

Food Pantry	
World Hunger	
Lutheran World Relief	
ASP MAJC	\$5,124
Memorials	\$0
Puppet Ministry	
World Vision	
Flowers	
Ensminger Scholarship	
Confirmation	
Puppet Ministry	
Local Benevolence	\$360
Disaster Response	\$0
<b>Total for non-budgeted programs</b>	<b>\$5,484</b>

### 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.



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	559	754
March	546	0	118	312	280	871	1034
April	871	0	280	488	659	1369	1693
May	357	0	251	250	289	1609	1982
June	405	0	147	268	328	1877	2310
July	368	56	145	217	278	2094	2588
August	305	126	215	166	225	2260	2813
September	493	101	257	245	319	2505	3132
October	423	110	258	260		2765	
November	455	117	257	274		3039	
December	924	UNKNOWN	392	451		3490	
<b>Yearly Totals:</b>	<b>6011</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>2459</b>	<b>3490</b>		<b>3490</b>	

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

	Sep-23	YTD	YTD BUDGET	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Current Giving	\$13,102	\$123,394	\$150,000	\$119,765	\$116,097
Other Current Income	\$2,900	\$37,812	\$36,187	\$31,089	\$31,175
<b>Total Current Income</b>	<b>\$16,002</b>	<b>\$161,206</b>	<b>\$186,187</b>	<b>\$150,854</b>	<b>\$147,272</b>
Benevolence Giving	\$335	\$3,091	\$2,250	\$748	\$967
Other Benevolence	\$0	\$15,158	\$19,500	\$19,899	\$13,854
<b>Total Benevolence Income</b>	<b>\$335</b>	<b>\$18,249</b>	<b>\$21,750</b>	<b>\$20,647</b>	<b>\$14,821</b>
Building Income	\$243	\$2,336	\$750	\$2,636	\$3,009
Bequest Building			\$5,250		
<b>Total Building Income</b>	<b>\$243</b>	<b>\$2,336</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$2,636</b>	<b>\$3,009</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$16,580</b>	<b>\$181,791</b>	<b>\$213,937</b>	<b>\$174,137</b>	<b>\$165,102</b>

• Income for non-budgeted programs YTD through 9/30/23 was as follows

Music Ministry	
ASP	\$4,789
Food Pantry	
MAJC	\$440
Puppets	\$0
Ensminger Scholarship	\$415
Bequest Foundation Fund	\$241,107
Bequest Benevolence Fund	\$7,500
VBS	
World Hunger	\$300
Memorials	\$1,680
Staff Appreciation	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$256,231</b>

Financial Secretary's Report 9/30/2023	
Budgeted Current Offering, Year-to- Date:	\$ 150,000
Actual Current Offering, Year-to- Date:	\$ 123,394
	<b>\$ (26,606)</b>

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	14,326	41,945	40,829
April	16,724	11,495	15,454	16,568	19,359	58,513	60,188
May	11,919	9,246	12,924	12,494	10,124	71,007	70,312
June	15,474	14,104	13,644	11,978	14,082	82,985	84,394
July	11,745	17,264	8,727	13,476	13,510	96,461	97,904
August	11,299	13,541	15,092	11,763	12,388	108,224	110,292
September	16,013	13,190	18,064	11,541	13,102	119,765	123,394
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	
<b>Yearly Totals:</b>	<b>187,808</b>	<b>175,811</b>	<b>180,141</b>	<b>180,314</b>		<b>180,314</b>	





## November Worship Volunteers



DATE	November 5		November 12	November 19		November 26	
	All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Ends		Annual Meeting			Christ the King Sunday	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Ushers	Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly	Linda & Mike Kehs	Matthew & Garvey Wolk	Bill & Janet Luyben	Tricia Hawks & Robin Schlichter	Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly	Chas & Gina Weygand
Tech Team 11:00 AM	N/A	Tim Arnold & TBD	N/A	N/A	Fred Poust	N/A	John Fry
Acolytes	Claire Jonassen & Adrianna Cusumano	Peyton Shaffer & Sean Ortiz	Brianna Minkon	Logan Dice & Ryan Englehart	Nico DiDomenico & Brett Poust	Dylan Dice & Adriana Cusumano	Abby King & Nina DiDomenico
Counters	Tim & Nancy Arnold		Bruce & Sue Fulmer Diane Martin	Linda Kehs Mary Jane Kehs Ardie Musselman		Tony & Anna Marie Damiani	
Altar Guild: Gail Maser & Ardie Musselman      Banners: Louise Hunsicker, Carol & John Souder							



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>5 All Saints Sunday</b> 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) Acolyte Training 11 AM worship service <b>Parameters: WHITE</b></p> <p>Communion</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC) 7:00 PM JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:30 PM Finance Virtual Committee Mtg</p>	<p><b>1</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 PM Steeplefingers</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC) <i>Turn your clocks back one hour</i></p>
<p><b>12 Annual Congregational Meeting</b> 9:30 AM Single In-person worship service with live streaming 11:30 AM ASP Breakfast (SH) <b>Parameters: GREEN</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC) 6:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting (SH)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 1:00 PM Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting (OP) 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC) <b>No Rehearsals</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>No Rehearsals</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)</p>
<p><b>19 Operation Christmas Child Project</b> 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) 11 AM worship service <b>Parameters: GREEN</b></p> <p>Communion</p>	<p><b>20</b> 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC) 6:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:00 AM Book Club Meeting (Office Parlor)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 12:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service at Heidelberg UCC 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service at Heidelberg UCC 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)</p>	<p><b>23 Happy Thanksgiving</b> </p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)</p>
<p><b>26 Christ the King</b> 8:30 AM In-person worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Sunday School (SH) 11 AM worship service <b>Parameters: WHITE</b></p> <p>Communion</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC) 6:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:30 PM Steeplefingers</p>		

### 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  
Robin Schlichter  
Jennifer Wolk

### **PASTOR'S** **SCHEDULE**

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

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

*Pastor may be out of the office for visits or meetings. You are always invited to call his cell as well.*



#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**8:30 AM** Traditional Service with live streaming

**9:45 AM** Sunday School  
Confirmation  
Adult Forum

**11:00 AM** Contemporary Service with  
live streaming



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