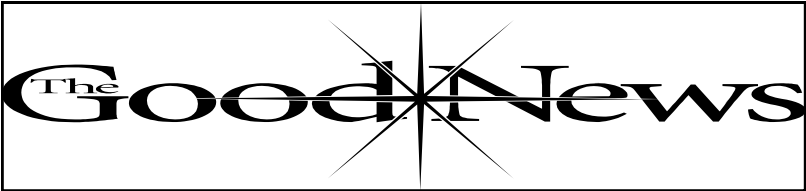


Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
311 Second Street
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Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission S tatement

SOW: T he 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

January 2024

Looking Ahead

- ◆ Monday, January 1st: **Happy New Year**
- ◆ Tuesday, January 2nd - 7:30 PM: Finance Virtual Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, January 3rd - 1:00 PM: Worship & Music Meeting (Office Parlor)
6:30 PM: Chancel Choir rehearsal resume
7:30 PM: Adoration rehearsal resume
- ◆ Thursday, January 4th - 6:30 PM: Steepleringers rehearsal resume
- ◆ Sunday, January 7th - 8:30 AM & 11 AM worship services & Christian Education classes resumes.
- ◆ Monday, January 8th - 7:00 PM: JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
- ◆ Tuesday, January 9th - 7:30 PM: Council Meeting (SH)
- ◆ Friday, January 12th - 5:00 PM-7:00 PM: ASP Italian Dinner
- ◆ Monday, January 15th - 12:45 PM-2:00 PM: Ice Skating Youth Event at Spring Mountain
- ◆ Thursday, January 18th - 9:30 AM: Care Team Meeting (YC)
- ◆ Sunday, January 21st - **February Good News Deadline**
- ◆ Saturday, January 27th - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM: Church Council Retreat
- ◆ Sunday, January 28th - Installation of new Church Council Members



Spring Mountain Ice Skating Youth Event
Monday, January 15, 2024 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM
(time may be subject to change, we will update if changes are made)
 Tickets are \$16 per person which includes rentals for skates.
 This is a family event! All are welcome!
 For more information please contact Norma Grosick at: 610-487-5673



Italian Dinner



Date: January 12th

Time: 5:00-7:00

Cost: \$12 for adult meal, \$8 for kids meal,
\$45 for family meal (feeds 4)

Eat in or take out. Delivery option available for seniors

Take out is 5 PM-7 PM in the Youth Center
 and eat in will begin at 6 PM in the Social Hall
 Please reach out to Becky Dice or Norma Grosick to pre-order your meal.

See order form.

Orders can be placed in basket in the Narthex or dropped off in the church office.



Italian Night at Jerusalem Lutheran Benefiting ASP



Friday, January 12, 2024

Take out in Youth Center 5-7 PM

Eat In - Social Hall 6-7PM

Adult Meal

\$12.00

Caesar Salad

2 Garlic Knots

Penne Pasta

Choice of Sauce

- Red or Rosa

2 Meatball

Choice of Regular or

Vegan

1 Cannoli

Kids Meal (10 and under)

\$8.00

Caesar Salad

1 Garlic Knot

Penne Pasta

Choice of Sauce

- Red or Rosa

1 Meatball

Choice of Regular or

Vegan

1 mini Cannoli

Family Dinner (feeds 4)

\$45.00

Caesar Salad

8 Garlic Knots

Penne Pasta

Choice of Sauce

- Red or Rosa

8 Meatballs

Choice of Regular or

Vegan

4 Cannolis

Name: _____ Phone: _____

____ Eat In ____ Take Out

____ Adult Meal(s) \$12 each ____ Red Sauce ____ Rosa Sauce

Meatballs: ____ Reg ____ Vegan

____ Child Meal(s) \$8 each ____ Red Sauce ____ Rosa Sauce

Meatballs: ____ Reg ____ Vegan

____ Family Meal \$45 each ____ Red Sauce ____ Rosa Sauce

Meatballs: ____ Reg ____ Vegan

Amount Due: _____

The DiDomenico Family suffered a house fire on November 16th. The fire along with smoke and water destroyed not only their home but their clothing, furniture, furnishings etc. We are asking members to contribute funds or gift cards to help Mike, Maija, Nico and Nina. If you chose to contribute funds you should make the check out to Michael DiDomenico. If donating cash please place in a sealed envelope with “*DiDomenico Family*” written on the outside. You can then place this in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. The church will have your donation delivered to the DiDomenico Family. If you would choose to donate a gift card, we request gift cards from Target or Amazon and follow the above directions. We are called to help our neighbor when in need so thank you for helping these neighbors as they rebuild their home in the next year.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

05 Nancy Peters, Carol Hunsberger
 06 Matthew Douglass, Sharon Morgan
 07 Elaine McDaniel
 09 Elizabeth Molitoris
 10 Amanda Saeger
 11 Julianna Miller
 12 Tim Arnold
 13 Michael Saeger, John Souder
 14 Michael Radicioni
 15 Erin Lonesky



18 Ed Eccker, Jr., Jill Kuiken
 20 Emily Kiefaber, Bob Rhoads
 24 Robin Fry, Joel Stever
 25 Gene Miesse
 26 Joshua Fulmer, Amiee Kistler,
 Natalie Wells
 27 John Fry
 28 Emily Arnold, Steve Balla
 31 Fred Poust

Mark your Calendars



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

Location: TBD (request for Kentucky)

Eligibility: Have completed 8th grade and be 14 years old

Cost: minimum deposit \$75 Fundraiser Dates:

January 12th – Italian Dinner **February 11th – Hoagie Sale**
May 5th - Taco Lunch **March 17th – Breakfast**

****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
 Jennifer Wolk

Robin Schlichter
 Becky Dice

Norma Grosick
 Karen Vossen

Good News Deadline

GOOD NEWS DEADLINE For the **FEBRUARY** Edition is
Sunday, January 21st, 2024.

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

Pastoral Musings...

I hope everyone has sensed the peace and assurance of celebrating the birth of Jesus into our world. Christmas is about God disrupting the world by entering into the world as one of us, an act that only a loving and graceful God would do. Even when life is challenging we can call upon God's love to give us strength and faith. In the Christmas Classic movie *'It's a Wonderful Life'* starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed made in 1946 a tale that resonates even today. The main character George Bailey lives in a small town with big dreams. Growing up he shows character by saving his little brother from a frozen lake and prevents a pharmacist who drinks too much from poisoning his customers with prescriptions filled with poison. And then when he thinks he will have a chance to begin his life and fulfill his dreams he has to take over his father's 'Building and Loan' business that helps ordinary people buy a home. Then to top it all off his uncle and employee deliver a large deposit to the corrupt banker in town, Mr. Potter, who keeps the funds for himself leading to the possibility of the Building and Loan closing and George going to jail. All of this at Christmas time. George loses all hope and turns to despair and anger. So God sends a second team angel, Clarence, to rescue George.

Clarence shows George what the town would be without him, a broken community with vacant buildings, too much drinking and other behavior that prevents the town from being the friendly, family feeling town that George creates. In seeing and accepting this George sees the value he has and the impact his life has made. We all may have experienced some of what George felt that Christmas. Our early dreams turned into the reality of life. We began to believe our lives could have meant more with more excitement and adventure. We too may turn to disappointment and regret like George. This is when we need friends and family to remind us of how impactful we have been in their lives and in the small part of the world we live within.

God created all of us in God's image with the power of the Holy Spirit to be the one that says the comforting word, who takes time to listen, who encourages others to see their own value. Even if we are successful we will have days we question our impact and importance. In this New Year I pray we all recognize the Clarence that God sends to us to remind us of our own value and impact. I also pray God will empower us to be the Clarence that others need at those times of uncertainty and doubt about themselves. All of us are chosen to play a role in God's intention to keep the light of Jesus alive in ourselves and in those around us.

Listen for the bell to ring telling you that another angel has received their wings, maybe just maybe that angel is you.

A Joyful and Peaceful New Year to each of you!

Pastor Stan



Events Highlights

We held our first Cookies with Santa event on December 16th. We enjoyed seeing the faces of the kids light up as they came in and saw Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed this special day with us.





Thank you to everyone involved in making our Christmas Eve Services so special - The Altar Guild, Choirs & Musicians, Pageant Directors, parents, and all the assisting ministers and staff.

Special thank you to Paul Schweitzer and family for donating the beautiful Chrismon tree this year to our church. Heartful thank you as well for all who helped this year putting up and decorating the Chrismon tree and keeping it watered during the Christmas season. There were many helping hands so please know your dedication is very much appreciated.
God bless you all!

DID YOU KNOW ????

In the summer of 1964, as president of Jerusalem Lutheran Church Women, Barbara Renninger attended a conference at Muhlenberg College where a Chrismon Tree was displayed. When she returned home, she asked Pastor Ken Ensminger and Council about the possibility of a Chrismon tree here. The Council paid for original information and patterns and the small white lights. The women donated the styrofoam and the white and gold decorations. A longtime member, Charlie Krause, made a "hot wire" to cut the styrofoam Chrismons and Barbara made cardboard patterns and set up a workspace on her basement ping-pong table to cut **all** the styrofoam shapes. The women started the work of decorating the Chrismons in September, at the October and November Circle meetings and at a few special work days. By early December the congregation was ready for our first Chrismon (**Christian monograms**) tree!

The tree that was used as the Chrismon tree in 1964 became the wood cross in 1965 that we have placed on the sanctuary wall for Lent and Easter seasons for 47 years.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO MANY YEARS AGO STARTED SUCH A WONDERFUL TRADITION FOR OUR CHURCH !!!!



Help Needed: We will be taking down the Chrismon Tree and other Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 7th**. We will need all the helping hands we can get. **Chrismon Tree and decorations will be taken down after the 11:00 AM service.** Please consider staying after the service or stopping by to help. The more helping hands the merrier.



On the day of Epiphany, January 6, the church celebrates the revelation of Christ to all nations as represented by the Wise Men (Magi) who came to worship Jesus. Church tradition since the seventh century names the Magi as Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar.

The church calendar recognizes the season of Epiphany from January 6 until the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday which is celebrated as the *Transfiguration of our Lord*. Beginning with the star that guided the Wise Men to Bethlehem, God fills the lives of Christians with His holy light during Epiphany so that His light can shine through them into the world.



JERUSALEM LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL AND DAY CARE CENTER

Happy New Year! The Jerusalem Lutheran Day Care staff and children had a wonderful time ringing in 2024. Just before noon, the countdown to the New Year began. We improvised slightly with our own version of the Times Square crystal ball (a light –up bouncy ball). When the ball hit the floor, noisemakers and party blowers rang out and confetti filled the air as we welcomed the “New Year”. We concluded our New Year’s party with a special lunch of McDonald’s Happy Meals followed by ice cream for dessert. JLDC certainly knows how to party! Lastly, we are extremely grateful for all the blessings that God bestowed upon JLNS&DC in 2023. Now, we are looking forward to God’s continued faithfulness and goodness in the New Year.

Welcome Winter

Now that winter has officially arrived, we are anxious for the first significant snowfall of the season to arrive. We can’t wait to build snowmen, toss snowballs and make snow angels. Although it takes a while to get everyone bundled up before we can head outside, it is definitely worth the extra effort to see the children having a delightful time frolicking in the snow! If the weather becomes too frigid, we have some great indoor activities planned such as Beach Day, Disney Frozen Day, and a Pajama Party. Inside or outside, we always have a fun time at JLDC!

Continuing Education

On January 15th, JLDC will be closed for an In-Service Day. The staff will be receiving training in a variety of Early Childhood topics. The trainings which are presented by Penn State Better Kid Care align with the Pennsylvania Office of Childhood Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) regulations for licensed child care centers. Each staff member is required to receive at least 12 hours of specialized training annually. After the trainings, the staff will have an opportunity to share any new ideas and concepts with their co-workers. The JLDC staff is committed to providing quality care and instruction to all the children at our school!

Wedding Bells Ring

Congratulations to Tanya German, JLDC toddler teacher, on her December 9th wedding to Andrew Collins. We wish the newlyweds a long and happy marriage!

Special Thanks

Finally, we would like to thank the JLNS&DC Board of Directors for their hard work and faithful support throughout the year. Several of the members have been serving tirelessly on the board for many years. We are very grateful for their dedication and support. May God bless each of them!

Thank You

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ~Matthew 25:40

Dear Jerusalem family,

Many thanks for the cards and gifts this Christmas. It is a blessing for me to serve our Lord with you through our music. May He continue to bless our ministry for His glory.

David Crist

THANK YOU!!

To Jerusalem Lutheran church members for the cards, messages and gift bag.

Also, to the Sunday School children for decorating them and the cute drawings they sent. I put the children's artwork on my shelf outside my apt. door to share w/others here.

Your thoughtfulness will be seen by many.
Dorie Rahm

Dear Jerusalem Family,

Thank you so much for your generosity towards our staff Christmas gift. Thank you so much for thinking of us and sharing your love and kindness. Also A special thank you for all the Christmas cards and special treats!! As always it is very much appreciated.

Thank you all very much and may God bless you all!

Glenda Ortiz



CARE TEAM

Sunshine Friends Birthdays:

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 Prayer Circle: When someone needs immediate prayers the Prayer Circle will be notified and will pray for your special need. If you have a prayer need, please contact Pastor Stan or Babs deFrenes and they will activate the Prayer Chain. 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

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Zieglerville, PA 19492

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Harleysville, PA 19438

Helen Wells

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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 January 18th at 9:30 AM in the Youth Center.

Finance Committee

FINANCE UPDATE –DECEMBER 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 November was \$14,516 and Current Expenses were \$27,326 which was a shortfall of **\$12,810**.

Current Income for the year to date was \$193,546 and Current Expenses were \$282,528 for a shortfall of **\$88,982**.

Total Income for the month of November was \$15,337 and Total Expenses were \$29,526 for a shortfall of **\$14,189**.

Total Income for the year to date was \$215,704 and Total Expenses were \$345,506 for a shortfall of **\$129,802**.

Attendance for the month of November was 271, a decrease of **3** from November 2022. Year to date attendance was 3,768, an increase of 729 from the total of 3,039 in 2022.

We have liquidated \$88,982 from the Foundation Fund 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 NOVEMBER 2023

| | November-23 | YTD 2023 | YTD BUDGET | YTD 2022 | YTD 2021 |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Current Expenses | \$27,326 | \$282,528 | \$296,087 | \$276,648 | \$240,975 |
| Benevolence Expenses | \$0 | \$0 | \$19,272 | \$0 | \$11,336 |
| Capital Expenses | \$2,200 | \$62,978 | \$0 | \$13,525 | \$2,559 |
| Total Expenses | \$29,526 | \$345,506 | \$315,359 | \$290,173 | \$254,870 |

Expenses for non-budgeted programs YTD through 11/30/23 were as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Food Pantry | |
| World Hunger | |
| Lutheran World Relief | |
| ASP | \$5,474 |
| MAJC | |
| Memorials | \$0 |
| Puppet Ministry | |
| World Vision | |
| Flowers | |
| Ensminger Scholarship | |
| Confirmation | |
| Puppet Ministry | |
| Local Benevolence | \$560 |
| Disaster Response | \$3,866 |
| Total for non-budgeted programs | \$9,900 |

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 | 365 | 2765 | 3497 |
| November | 455 | 117 | 257 | 274 | 271 | 3039 | 3768 |
| December | 924 | UNKNOWN | 392 | 451 | | 3490 | |
| Yearly Totals: | 6011 | 1488 | 2459 | 3490 | | 3490 | |

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

| | Nov-23 | YTD | YTD BUDGET | YTD 2022 | YTD 2021 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current Giving | \$13,066 | \$151,236 | \$183,333 | \$148,585 | \$146,056 |
| Other Current Income | \$1,450 | \$42,310 | \$44,229 | \$36,269 | \$37,662 |
| Total Current Income | \$14,516 | \$193,546 | \$227,562 | \$184,854 | \$183,718 |
| Benevolence Giving | \$596 | \$4,163 | \$2,750 | \$1,164 | \$1,442 |
| Other Benevolence | \$0 | \$15,159 | \$28,833 | \$19,899 | \$13,854 |
| Total Benevolence Income | \$596 | \$19,322 | \$31,583 | \$21,063 | \$15,296 |
| Building Income | \$225 | \$2,836 | \$917 | \$3,414 | \$3,600 |
| Bequest Building | | | \$6,417 | | |
| Total Building Income | \$225 | \$2,836 | \$7,334 | \$3,414 | \$3,600 |
| Total Income | \$15,337 | \$215,704 | \$266,479 | \$209,331 | \$202,614 |

- Income for non-budgeted programs YTD through 11/30/23 was as follows

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Music Ministry | |
| ASP | \$5,486 |
| Food Pantry | |
| MAJC | \$520 |
| Puppets | \$0 |
| Ensminger Scholarship | \$465 |
| Bequest Foundation Fund | \$241,107 |
| Bequest Benevolence Fund | \$7,500 |
| VBS | |
| World Hunger | \$300 |
| Memorials | \$1,680 |
| Staff Appreciation | |
| TOTAL | <u>\$257,058</u> |

| Financial Secretary's Report 11/30/2023 |
|--|
| Budgeted Current Offering, |
| Year-to-Date: \$ 183,333 |
| Actual Current Offering, |
| Year-to-Date: \$ 151,236 |
| \$ (32,097) |

| 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 | 14,776 | 131,406 | 138,170 |
| November | 16,084 | 14,624 | 17,268 | 17,179 | 13,066 | 148,585 | 151,236 |
| December | 33,711 | 28,383 | 34,085 | 31,729 | | 180,314 | |
| Yearly Totals: | 187,808 | 175,811 | 180,141 | 180,314 | | 180,314 | |

January Worship Volunteers

| DATE | January 7 | | January 14 | | January 21 | | January 28 | |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Epiphany of Our Lord | | Baptism of Our Lord | | | | | |
| | 8:30 AM | 11:00 AM | 8:30 AM | 11:00 AM | 8:30 AM | 11:00 AM | 8:30 AM | 11:00 AM |
| Ushers | Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly | Linda & Mike Kehs | Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly | Matthew & Garvey Wolk | Bill & Janet Luyben | Tricia Hawks & Robin Schlichter | Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly | Gina & Chas Weygand |
| Stream Team 8:30 AM Tech Team 11:00 AM | N/A | Tim Arnold & Glenda Ortiz | N/A | Fred Poust | N/A | Tim Arnold & Renee Bartlett | N/A | John Fry |
| Acolytes | TBD Volunteer Needed | Peyton Shaffer | Ryan Englehart | Brett Poust | Justin Minkon | Sean Ortiz | Claire Jonassen | Nico DiDomenico |
| Counters | Tony & Anna Marie Damiani | | Bruce & Sue Fulmer Diane Martin | | Linda Kehs Mary Jane Kehs Ardie Musselman | | Tim & Nancy Arnold | |
| Altar Guild: Louise Hunsicker & Rose Koehler 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."

January 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| <p>7 Epiphany of Our Lord 8:30 AM Traditional worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Forum (SH) 11 AM Contemporary worship service live streaming 12:00 PM Christmas Tree removal</p> <p>Params: WHITE</p> <p>Communion</p> | <p>1</p> <p>8 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC) 7:00 PM JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)</p> | <p>2 7:30 PM Finance Virtual Committee Mtg</p> | <p>3 1:00 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting (OP) 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting</p> | <p>4 6:30 PM Steepleringers</p> | <p>5</p> <p>12 Italian Dinner 5-7 PM Italian Dinner (YC & SH)</p> | <p>6 7 AM AA Meeting (YC)</p> |
| <p>14 Baptism of Our Lord 8:30 AM Traditional worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Forum (SH) 11 AM Contemporary worship service live streaming</p> <p>Params: WHITE</p> <p>Communion</p> | <p>15 12:45-2:00 PM Ice Skating Event 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC)</p> | <p>16 10:00 AM Book Club Meeting (OP)</p> | <p>17 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)</p> | <p>18 9:30 AM Care Team Meeting (YC) 6:30 PM Steepleringers</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20 7 AM AA Meeting (YC) (SH)</p> |
| <p>21 8:30 AM Traditional worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Forum (SH) 11 AM Contemporary worship service live streaming</p> <p>Params: GREEN January Good News Deadline</p> <p>Communion</p> | <p>22 6-7:00 PM Yoga (YC)</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)</p> | <p>25 6:30 PM Steepleringers</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27 7 AM AA Meeting (YC) 9:00 AM–4:00 PM Council Retreat</p> |
| <p>28 Installation of New Council Members 8:30 AM Traditional worship service with live streaming 9:45 AM Christian Education Adult Forum (SH) 11 AM Contemporary worship service live streaming</p> <p>Params: GREEN</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Adoration 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)</p> | | | |

Council Highlights

Meeting Congregation Council - December 5, 2023

The regular December meeting was called to order on the above date at 6:35 PM by Tony Damiani. Members in attendance in person were Renee Bartlett, Andy Englehart, Caesar Gorski, Becky Dice, Norma Grosick, Janet Luyben, Robin Schlichter Pastor Stan and Jennifer Wolk. Also in attendance were Chris Freer and Paul Ensminger.

- ♦ Church Council Annual retreat will be held January 27, 2024, at Meadowood Schultz Center 9:00 AM -4:00 PM
- ♦ Replace the toilet in the Narthex bathroom – unanimously approved
- ♦ Replace Church signs per the attached contract – unanimously approved
- ♦ The outdoor furniture is ready to be stored for the winter. Umbrella can be thrown away.
- ♦ Recommendation that the Italian dinner be changed from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM and clearances for the adults that will be using the Social Hall be turned into Judy McKeever take out will begin at 5:00 PM at the Youth Center.

Church Council Members for 2024

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Andy Englehart | President |
| Norma Grosick | Vice President |
| Becky Dice | Secretary |
| Caesar Gorski, Jr. | Treasurer |
| Renee Bartlett | Financial Secretary |
| Jen Wolk | Assistant Financial Secretary |
| Michael DiDomenico | |
| Chris Freer | |
| Paul Ensminger | |
| Robin Schlichter | |

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 AM Traditional Service
9:45 AM Christian Education
11:00 AM Contemporary Service

Snow Closure Procedure

Please know that in the event of inclement weather which might have to result in snow closure for our Sunday services, there are some communications in place which we would like everyone to be aware of. These platforms will be update as soon decisions of closure are made:

- ♦ Website: www.jelc.org
- ♦ Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/jelcville/>
- ♦ Office Voicemail Greeting
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