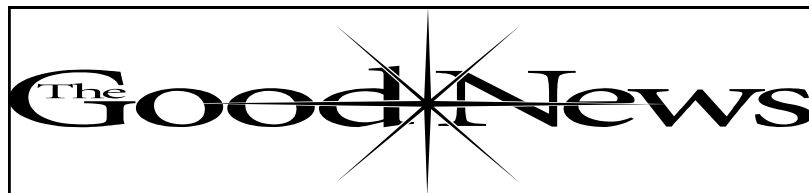




Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
311 Second Street
Schwenksville, PA 19473



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

October 2025

Looking Ahead

- ◆ Monday, October 6th - 1:00 PM: Worship & Music Meeting (OP)
7:00 PM: JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
- ◆ Sunday, October 12th - **Healing Service**
- ◆ Tuesday, October 14th - 7:00 PM: Council Meeting (SH)
- ◆ Thursday, October 16th - 9:30 AM: Care Team Meeting (YC)
- ◆ Saturday, October 18th - 9:00 AM –2:00 PM: Community Blood Drive
- ◆ Monday, October 20th - 10:00 AM: Book Club Meeting (OP)
- ◆ Tuesday, October 21st - 6:30 PM: Teen Time (YC)
- ◆ Sunday, October 26th - **Reformation Sunday**
- ◆ Sunday, October 26th - 4:00 PM: Fall Fest at Olszanowski Farm
- ◆ Wednesday, October 29th - 12:30 PM: Monthly Luncheon
- ◆ Thursday, October 30th - **Halloween Parade**
- ◆ Friday, October 31st - Happy Halloween








REFORMATION Sunday

October 26, 2025

Martin Luther's Seal (*or the Luther Rose*)

Luther's seal, or as it is sometimes called, Luther's Rose, is the most widely known symbol of Lutheranism. Luther was invited to create a personal symbol to summarize his faith in 1520. As his writings became increasingly popular, there was a desire on the part of the Wittenberg printers to somehow indicate what was an authorized publication of Luther's works. So, they asked Luther to tell them what he would like to have as his personal mark on his published works which is shown below. The meaning of each of the parts of the Seal are explained below as well.



Black Cross		Symbolizes Jesus' death and pain and reminds us that faith in Jesus is what saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" –Rom 10:10
Red Heart		Even though the cross is black, it does not kill our hearts, but makes us alive. "The just shall live by faith" – Rom 1:17
White Rose		Faith in Jesus brings true joy, consolation and peace, not worldly joy and peace – John 14:27. White is the color of angels and blessed spirits.
Blue Sky		Symbolizes our hope for the coming joys of heaven, though not yet revealed.
Gold Rim		As a circle is unending, so the joys of heaven will be unending. Its gold color reminds us that the joys of heaven are more precious than any other treasure.



Fall Fest

~Sunday, October 26, 2025~



4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Hay ride \$10 ~ Corn Maze \$10
\$20 for both

prices are per person

Hay ride starts promptly at 4:00 PM



Activities include hayride, corn maze, fire ring, pumpkin picking, s'mores. Small donations for snacks is requested. For more information contact Norma Grosick or the Church Office.

Olszanowski Farm

**315 Pughtown Rd,
Spring City, PA 19473**



Healing Service



Healing Service

Sunday, October 12th with Guest Pastor Jen Leahy

Join us during our 9:30 AM service for a special prayer and laying of hands for those in need of healing.

“Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security” ~Jeremiah 33:6

Blood Drive



Red Cross Blood Donation at JELC

**Saturday, October 18th from 9AM to 2PM
in the Social Hall.**

Scan the QR code to register or visit: redcrossblood.org/give
Enter zip code 19473 and enter date 10/18/25 in the search box for Jerusalem Church from list of donors.



October Teen Time



Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 PM

Join us for Teen Time in the Youth Center!

Bring a snack to share and invite a friend!

Email the church office at: secretary@jelc.org or text Glenda Ortiz at: 215-237-7707

Morning of Hope: Cancelled



Due to low interested on our upcoming Morning of Hope event it has been decided to cancelled the event. Our guest Lynn Eib needed a certain amount of guests enrolled in other to plan accordingly, and with the low numbers of current enrollment it was decided to be cancelled.

Thank you for your understanding.

Women's Bible Study



**Women's Bible Study: *Messy People* by Jennifer Cowart
Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM in the Office Parlor.**

In this six-week study we will learn about biblical heroes, who like us, made mistakes, but found God was able to use them in powerful ways. Although their lives were far from perfect, they still played a significant role in the biblical narrative. If interested contact Glenda Ortiz.

Monthly Luncheon Gatherings



Join us for lunch: Last Wednesdays of the month at 12:30 PM

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM

So Much to Give Restaurant

3401 W. Skippack Pike (Next to Bustard Rd)

Please contact Dan Slemmer *before October 24th* to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.

Mark Your Calendars: November Events



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 in the Sanctuary

Following Worship Service at 9:30 AM

There will be No Christian Education

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

ASP Breakfast



BREAKFAST

November 9, 2025

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Before the Worship service

7:30 AM-9:00 AM

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



Harvest Home Sunday



Harvest Home Sunday: Sunday, November 16th

We will once again be collecting non perishable food items to be donated to local food banks. We will have baskets in the Coffee Corner for donation items to be placed. We will take some items to the altar for a special blessing before distributing the donations.

Donations can be dropped off no later than November 16th.

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child



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.

Once again, this year we are inviting our daycare families to join us in on this project. We will hand out boxes along with a supply list for families who wish to pack a box at home as a family project. Filled boxes can be turned by November 21st.

We have provided a list of suggested items for the collection. Boxes will be delivered to the distribution center where 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
Small coloring books
Stuff Toy
Small Puzzles
Harmonica
Chap Stick
Slinky
Band-aids

Play-doh
School Supplies
Tool kits
Dinosaurs
Stickers
Plastic animals
Cars/trucks
Sunglasses
Cards/travel games

Balls
Yoyo
Bandana
Headbands, hair bows
Toothbrush
Socks
Comb/brush
Necklaces, bracelets, rings

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

Packed Shoeboxes: Please drop off no later than **November 21st.**

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

Council Highlights

Congregation Council Meeting ~ September 9th, 2025

The regular August meeting was called to order on the above date at 7:11 PM by Andy Englehart. Members in attendance were Andy Englehart, Caesar Gorski (remote), Maddie Morris, Sam Morris, Jen Wolk, Norma Grosick and Chris Freer, Paul Ensminger. Absent was Becky Dice.

Office/Christian Education – Participation in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

Council unanimously approved. Request participation at the Halloween parade with table set up in front of the church, handing out candy and giveaways. Council unanimously approved

Property – Schedule and conduct a joint Property/Council visit of the 291 Rental Property to assess the critical repair needs, and to prepare a plan to address these repairs. Council agreed and will help coordinate

Worship and Music – Christmas Eve Services– due to the availability of guest pastors we recommend that we have only two services this year: at 4:00pm which will include the pageant and communion. At 7:30pm a candle light service with communion.

JLNS/DCC – The Board of Directors seeks council approval to invite Rebecca Fullen to join the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Congregational Meeting Preparation - choosing a date and time

Norma motioned to have Annual congregational meeting on November 9th after service (if not previously approved in prior meeting). Paul seconded. All council approved.

Motion by Norma for 8:00-9:30am ASP breakfast on November 9th (prior to service and annual congregational meeting), seconded by Sam, all council approved.

Preparations for Day of Hope and Schwenksville Community Day were discussed with no required council voting / decisions.

Good News Deadline

GOOD NEWS DEADLINE For the *November* Edition is
Monday, October 20th

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



We are starting a “member of the month” spotlight section that will be featured in our monthly “Good News” newsletter. By doing so, we are hoping that it will help the congregation put names to faces and get to know each other.

We are asking that you please send a photo (preferably a headshot) and a 4-5 sentence paragraph about yourself that can be shared in the newsletter.

Some information that you may want to include in the bio would be your occupation, how long you have been a member here at JELC, your involvement with any activities/organizations (in or outside of church) and/or hobbies.

Our Member of the Month



Meet our Member of the Month: Norma Grosick

I have been a member of JELC for 20 years! I run the Mustard Seed Puppeteers and assist with Praising Hands Dance. I am VP of council and we have helped many people with the Loeb Fund. This year will mark my 9th year attending ASP! I have 5 grown children, 4 of them were confirmed here at JELC.



Help Needed



Nursery Care During Sunday Worship Time

We are rolling out care for children in the Nursery room during the worship service once again. We are in need of volunteers. Please look for sign-up schedule in email. Child abuse clearances are required to be on file by the church. Please contact the church office for assistance in obtaining them if needed.

There is no charge for volunteers requesting child abuse clearances, and they are valid for 5 years.

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers

Order forms are located inside red file folder on the Bulletin Board. Write your name and message desired for dedication on the schedule, fill out an order form, place order form with payment in the offering plate or mail it into the church office.

Any questions feel free to contact the church office.

Worship & Music Highlights

Highlight from Worship & Music Meeting from September 8, 2025

October 12, Healing Service

October 26, Reformation Sunday, please wear RED! Two Sunday School students will be given Bibles

November 2, All Saints Day - a memory table will be set up in the sanctuary to display pictures of our loved ones who departed through the years --past through the present.

You can bring your pictures any time before or on November 2. The bell will toll for loved ones who passed since last All Saints Day.

November 16, Harvest Home Sunday -- the sanctuary will be decorated for fall.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 6th, at 1:00PM in the Office Parlor.

Everyone is invited to join us as we share and discuss ideas of how to enhance our worship services.

Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School and Day Care



Fall Happenings

Recently, on a beautiful fall day, the Jerusalem Lutheran Day Care Pre-K classes enjoyed a visit to Quiver Farm in Pennsburg. At the farm, the children had a chance to feed some sheep, goats, miniature donkeys, and a llama (named Archie). In addition, everyone enjoyed meeting bunnies, ducklings, chicks, a calf, and a piglet. Also, the children were delighted to see a large tortoise that lives in the compost pile! Finally, it is safe to say, the children and staff had a wonderful time "down on the farm."

The Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School and Day Care families enjoyed getting together for a "Back to School Bash" which was held at the Central Perkiomen Valley Park. The families were treated to a delicious pizza dinner from the JLNSDC Board of Directors. During the evening, the parents had an opportunity to get to know one another as well as meet some members of the JLNSDC staff. Special thanks to JLNSDC parent representatives, Monica Fahy and Beth Algeo for organizing this fun event!

Tell a Friend: Jerusalem Lutheran Day Care has full-time openings for children ages 13 months through 5th grade. JLDC is a state-licensed childcare center which is open from 6:30 am until 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information, please call the JLNSDC office at 610-287-6360.

JLDC is once again collecting register tapes from Redner's Supermarket. JLDC will earn 1% of the total sales on each register tape. Last year we were able to raise over \$100 from this easy fundraiser. The money was used to purchase new sandbox toys which the children put to good use over the summer. Special thanks to Mrs. Tanya for faithfully tallying the tapes each year! Register tapes can be given to any staff member or turned in at the JLNS&DC office. Thank you for your help and support!



Care Team Highlights



Sunshine Friends Birthdays: John Markley– October 11th

The Care Team continues to visit and give Communion to our Sunshine Friends. If anyone in the congregation needs any kind of assistance, please contact the church office or any member of the Care Team. We are here for each other.

The Prayer Circle continues to pray for individuals in immediate need. If you have a concern or someone who needs prayer, please contact the church office, Babs deFrenes or Gina Weygand.

Jack Bowman has secured tickets for “Joshua” at the Sight and Sound Theater for July 14th, 2026. Price of tickets is \$99. Please contact Jack if you are interested.

Our next meeting will be on October 16th at 9:30am in the Youth Center.

Jeanette Frey

Gene Miesse

Donna Wisniewski

Anne Fisher

Don & Nancy Peters

Jean Fulmer

Janice Witte

Barbara Hartenbauer

Robert Schirk

John Markley



October Birthdays

1 Keith Martin
2 Ella Benz
4 Allison & Sarah Grosick
5 Cameron Bartlett,
6 Effa Mae Hunt, Robin Schlichter
8 Nancy Albright
11 John Markley, Kimberly Tyson
12 Lars Hagner
13 Carol Sprainer
16 Hannah Poust
17 Owen Gillespie, Bill Luyben,
Grace Lundeen



18 David Crist
20 Samantha Pfister
21 Deanna Koehler,
Maddie Morris
23 Jeffrey Erb
24 Jack Bowman,
Michael Damiani
25 Shannon Rhoads
28 Nykolas Rusin, Emily Englehart,
Ryan Englehart
29 Kristi Szczesny
31 Caesar Gorski, Jr., Marion Roberts



New Birth



Special congratulations on the birth of
Lacy Shawn Smith, granddaughter of Rose & Jim Koehler,
and daughter of Deanna & Owen Smith, born on September 2, 2025.

Treasurer Expense Report August 2025

	August-25	YTD 2025	YTD BUDGET	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Total Current Expenses	\$21,841	\$220,717	\$230,960	\$200,771	\$184,143
Benevolence Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$13,333	\$500	\$0
Capital Expenses	\$0	\$86,382	\$72,000	\$26,249	\$60,462
Total Expenses	\$21,841	\$307,099	\$316,293	\$227,520	\$244,605

Expenses for non-budgeted programs YTD through 8/31/25 were as follows:

Community Benevolence	\$5,000
World Hunger	\$0
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$9,780
ASP	\$12,538
MAJC	
Memorials	\$0
Puppet Ministry	
World Vision	
Flowers	
Ensminger Scholarship	\$1,000
Confirmation	
Puppet Ministry	
Special Benevolence	\$0
Disaster Response	\$0
Total for non-budgeted programs	\$28,318

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

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024 SUM	2025 SUM
January	99	244	342	269	291	269	291
February	40	315	412	372	217	641	508
March	118	312	280	715	335	1356	843
April	280	488	659	349	514	1705	1357
May	251	250	289	268	235	1973	1592
June	147	268	328	303	320	2276	1912
July	145	217	278	215	223	2491	2125
August	215	166	225	216	260	2707	2385
September	257	245	319	306		3013	
October	258	260	365	274		3287	
November	257	274	271	291		3578	
December	392	451	516	599		4177	
Yearly Totals:	2459	3490	4284	4177		4177	

Financial Secretary Report August 2025

	Aug-25	YTD	YTD	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Current Giving	\$11,916	\$108,140	\$133,333	\$107,690	\$110,292
Other Current Income	\$3,325	\$27,863	\$10,000	\$24,755	\$34,913
Total Current Income	\$15,241	\$136,003	\$143,333	\$132,445	\$145,205
Benevolence Giving	\$93	\$783	\$3,000	\$2,898	\$2,756
Other Benevolence	\$0	\$55,476	\$20,000	\$22,018	\$15,158
Total Benevolence Income	\$93	\$56,259	\$23,000	\$24,916	\$17,914
Building Income	\$343	\$25,617	\$667	\$1,656	\$2,093
Bequest Building			\$1,000		
Total Building Income	\$343	\$25,617	\$1,667	\$1,656	\$2,093
Total Income	\$15,677	\$217,879	\$168,000	\$159,017	\$165,212

- Income for non-budgeted programs YTD through 8/31/25 was as follows

Music Ministry	\$75
ASP	\$3,366
Food Pantry	\$0
MAJC	\$350
Puppets	
Ensminger Scholarship	\$720
Bequest Foundation Fund	
Bequest Benevolence Fund	
VBS	\$20
World Hunger	\$340
Memorials	\$15
Staff Appreciation	
TOTAL	<u>\$4,886</u>

Financial Secretary's Report 8/31/2025

Budgeted Current Offering,
Year-to-Date: \$ 133,333

Actual Current Offering,
Year-to-Date: \$ 108,140

\$ (25,193)

Actual Monthly Current Offering

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024 SUM	2025 SUM
January	10,921	12,881	14,002	13,016	17,534	13,016	17,534
February	9,359	13,971	12,501	12,582	10,615	25,598	28,149
March	11,912	15,093	14,326	17,455	14,943	43,053	43,092
April	15,454	16,568	19,359	20,187	15,100	63,240	58,192
May	12,924	12,494	10,124	11,568	12,420	74,808	70,611
June	13,644	11,978	14,082	11,529	13,370	86,337	83,981
July	8,727	13,476	13,510	11,320	12,243	97,657	96,224
August	15,092	11,763	12,388	10,033	11,916	107,690	108,140
September	18,064	11,541	13,102	14,200		121,890	
October	12,691	11,641	14,776	10,132		132,022	
November	17,268	17,179	13,066	17,644		149,666	
December	34,085	31,729	26,273	36,838		186,504	
Yearly Totals:	180,141	180,314	177,509	186,504		186,504	

October Worship Volunteers





DATE	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
	Communion	Healing Service	Communion	Reformation Sunday Communion
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Ushers	Linda Kehs & TBD	Matthew Wolk & Linda Kehs	Tricia Hawks & Robin Schlichter	Chas & Gina Weygand
Acolytes	Ryan Englehart	Ella Cusumano	Sean Ortiz	TBD
Counters	Chas & Gina Weygand	Paul Ensminger & Chris Freer	Linda Kehs Ardie Musselman	Tim & Nancy Arnold
Altar Guild: Janet Luyben & Tricia Hawks Banners: Louise Hunsicker, & John Souder				

We are in need of substitute ushers for our worship services. It would be wonderful to have some extra people to call on to usher when we have a fifth Sunday in the month and for holiday worship services. If anyone is willing to help out and be a sub usher, please contact Linda Kehs: lkeh@s@verizon.net or call 215-855-1745.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.



October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>YC - Youth Center SH - Social Hall OP - Office Parlor</p>			<p>1 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (OP) 8:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)</p>	<p>2 6:30 PM Steepleingers Rehearsal 7:30 PM Asaph Choir Rehearsal</p>		<p>4 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)</p>
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Congregational Church Council 2025

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Caesar Gorski, Jr.
Jen Wolk

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Vice President
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Treasurer
Financial Secretary

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Paul Ensminger
Robin Schlichter
Madeline Morris
Samuel Morris



Mission Statement

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GROW. His followers into spiritually mature disciples
GO. Back into the world to serve others in His name

Single Worship Schedule



Single Worship Schedule ~ 9:30 AM

Christian Education ~ 10:45 AM



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