



Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
311 Second Street
Schwensville, PA 19473



The Good News

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

March 2026

Looking Ahead

- ◆ Tuesday, March 3rd - 7 PM: JLNSDC Board Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, March 4th - 1 PM: Worship & Music Meeting (OP)
6:30 PM: Lenten Soup Suppers and Devotions (SH)
- ◆ Saturday, March 7th - Spring Forward! Turn your clocks forward one hour
- ◆ Sunday, March 8th - **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
9:15 AM - First Communion Instruction (SH)
- ◆ Tuesday, March 10th - 7 PM: Council Meeting (SH)
- ◆ Wednesday, March 11th - 6:30 PM: Lenten Soup Suppers and Devotions (SH)
- ◆ Monday, March 16th - April Good News Deadline
10 AM: Book Club Meeting (OP)
- ◆ Tuesday, March 17th - 6:30 PM: Teen Time (YC)
- ◆ Wednesday, March 18th - 6:30 PM: Lenten Soup Suppers and Devotions (SH)
- ◆ Thursday, March 19th - 9:30 AM: Care Team Meeting (YC)
- ◆ Friday, March 20th - **First Day of Spring**
- ◆ Wednesday, March 25th - 6:30 PM: Lenten Soup Suppers and Devotions (SH)
- ◆ Sunday, March 29th - **Palm Sunday**
9:15 AM: Palm Sunday Sunday School & Confirmation Celebration (SH)



Season of Lent



Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. For us it begins on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes. During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and/or spiritual discipline. The intent of the Lenten season is reflection on Jesus Christ; with intentional time set aside to consider his suffering, sacrifice, life, death, burial, and resurrection, which offers us hope in life and death.

Lenten Reflections



Lenten Soup Suppers: Bread and soup suppers followed by a devotion will be held during the 5 Wednesdays during Lent: **Feb. 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th & 25th.** We will gather in the **Social Hall from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.** Everyone is invited to attend. We are asking 2 volunteers to bring a favorite soup to share with the group at each Wednesday supper. Look for sign-up sheets on the Bulletin Board & Evite link sent by email, or visiting our website at www.jelc.org

First Communion



First Communion: Sunday, March 15th (note updated date for 2026)
This year First Communion will be **Sunday, March 15th.** This date will enable the congregation and families of participating children to celebrate this important milestone together. **Instruction class for First Communion will be held on Sunday, March 8th during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 AM in the Social Hall.**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters of Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This past week we began the season of Lent which is probably my favorite season of the church year. This might sound strange to hear because I think for many people they associate Lent with giving things up and a more solemn tone to the readings and worship in general, but I really love the reflective and introspective nature of this season. Lent also provides us with more opportunities to gather together for mid-week gatherings such as soup-suppers here at Jerusalem, and Dinner church over at St. James (Thursdays at 6:30pm). But despite my love of this season it's not something that I grew up with, but rather a tradition that I came to in adulthood with the exception of one experience I had when I was about 11 or 12 years old. So I thought in honor of the start of the season of Lent, I would share with you the time that I accidentally celebrated Ash Wednesday.

I was about 12 years old at the time and on winter break from school which meant that I was out of school for a week in February and got to spend some of that time visiting with my Grandfather and my cousins in Utica, NY. I should mention at this point that this side of the family is all Catholic and that this winter break meant that I would be visiting them during the start of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, my grandfather was bringing my cousin to church and I was tagging along because I didn't have anything else to do, and was a little bit curious having never been to an Ash Wednesday service before. I had no idea what was going on, or what I was supposed to do so my grandfather told me to just follow my cousin's lead and do what she did which seemed easy enough. When it came time for the imposition of ashes, I followed my cousin to the front of the church unsure of what would happen and then the priest put ashes on my forehead which I really wasn't expecting. As I turned around to return to my seat, I started to brush the ashes off of my forehead but noticed that the people around me seemed very confused as to why I was doing that, and I gathered from context clues that I was supposed to leave them on my forehead, though I had no idea why. After the service I left the church feeling confused, asked my cousin and my grandfather a couple of questions about why we just put ashes on our heads which they weren't really able to answer and then we moved on. A few days later when I was back home with my mom, we got a letter in the mail from my grandfather (this is very in keeping with my grandfather's sense of humor). In the letter he explained to my mom that I had accidentally participated in the imposition of ashes while I was visiting him, and was now Catholic. He then proceeded to share some things that I might helpful about my new faith and also mentioned that the church was really in need of priests so perhaps that's something I might consider one day. My mom got a good laugh from the letter (I still have the letter today) and I didn't celebrate lent again until many years later.

Since that experience many years ago I've learned a lot more about Lent (going to seminary will do that to you) and have come to appreciate it as a season of reflection and introspection, an opportunity to think more deeply about our faith, our connection to God, and to perhaps go a little bit deeper in our faith by participating in spiritual practices such as prayer, fasting, journaling, worship, and others. I love that our church year contains a season that intentionally creates this opportunity for us, because I think we all need it. To close this article I wanted to share with you a passage of scripture that I often come back to during Lent that gives me a lot of peace and encouragement. This comes from the book of the prophet Joel and is often read during the Ash Wednesday service:

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2:13

I hope and pray that this Lenten season would be a blessing to you, that it would provide you an opportunity to connect with God more deeply, to be mindful of God's grace, mercy, and deep love. I also hope that you are able to join us for our Lenten Soup suppers Wednesdays at 6:30 pm where we will be discussing the Marks of Discipleship: Prayer, Worship, Scripture, Giving, and Service.

May the Grace and Peace of Christ be with you throughout your Lenten journey,
Pastor Chris

March Teen Time



Tuesday, March 17th from 6:30 PM - 8 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

March's Monthly Luncheon Gathering



Monthly Luncheon - Last Wednesday of the Month ~ March 25th at 12:30 PM

Italian Delight and Pizzeria Restaurant

734 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA

Please contact Dan Slemmer **BEFORE** March 20th to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.

Women's Bible Study



Please Note: We will be pausing our weekly Women's Bible Study during the 5 weeks of Lent to focus on Lenten Devotions and Reflections scheduled for Wednesday evenings. We will resume our current study after Lent & Easter starting Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM. We have three lessons remaining in this study. Our current Women's Bible Study is "Untangling Faith" by Amberly Neese.

Blood Drive



Red Cross Blood Donation at JELC

Saturday, April 11th 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 4/11/2026 in the search box for Jerusalem Church from list of donors.



Help Needed



We have rolled 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.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services Schedule

PALM SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION!

March 29th in the Social Hall from 9:15 AM-10:15 AM We will have a special Palm Sunday celebration followed by an Easter Egg Hunt! We will like to request help with candy donations. If you would like to donate, *please drop off donations by March 22nd!*

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

6:30 PM: Worship Service - St. James Lutheran Church
7:45 PM: Worship Service - Jerusalem Lutheran Church with Communion and stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday, April 3rd

6:30 PM: Good Friday Tenebrae Service - St. James Lutheran Church
7:45 PM: Good Friday Tenebrae Service - Jerusalem Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday, April 5th

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service at Ott's Exotic Plants
9:00 AM - St. James Lutheran Church
11:00 AM - Jerusalem Lutheran Church



Easter Flowers

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 @ **\$10 each**
- I wish to order _____ Lily/Lilies @ **\$11 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, March 29th (Palm Sunday)

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

Please Mark: Taking Flowers _____ or Donate to Shut Ins _____

Thank you



Thank you to everyone who helped assemble hoagies for our ASP fundraiser and Feeding the Homeless event! Special thank you to Donnie Grosick who sliced all the ingredients and baked the Turkey for the hoagies. In total, 50 hoagies were prepared to feed the homeless in Pottstown, and 61 hoagies were prepared for our ASP Fundraiser!! Thank you all so much for all the support.



Other News



Renovation Notice: Perkiomen Valley Library

Our local Perkiomen Valley Library is scheduled to undergo renovations that will require the library to be closed for approximately 6 months (till mid July). Limited Library hours and programming will be available in the Schwenksville Borough Hall at 300 Main St, Schwenksville (Right on Gravel Pike)

Tuesdays: 5 PM - 7 PM ~ Wednesdays: 9 AM - 1 PM ~ Fridays: 9 AM - 1 PM

The blue return box will remain open at the library.

In addition library personnel is in planning with JELC to provide additional evening and day hours for added library activities. Stay tuned for updates when events will be scheduled by JELC.

Due to the library's renovation closure, other groups that meet for services at the library have reached out to us for accommodation and assistance in renting space to continue providing services to the community. The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU) reached out to Jerusalem Church in hopes to secure a space where their therapist can continue to offer therapy sessions to their clients ranging from 3yrs old-5yrs old (approximate 10 students throughout the week). We were able to offer MCIU the use of our Youth Center during the weekdays from Mondays-Fridays. They will not meet during Vacation Bible School Week due to they will be on summer break. Below are the schedule times MCIU will be meeting in the Youth Center:

Mondays: 10:45 AM - 3:45 PM

Tuesdays: 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Wednesdays: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Thursdays: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Fridays: 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM

Good News Deadline

GOOD NEWS DEADLINE for the *March* Edition is **Monday, March 16th**
Please send all submissions to secretary@jelc.org or drop off at the Church office.

2026 Council Retreat: Sowing, Growing, and Going Forward

On Saturday, February 21st, 2026, the JELC Council gathered at Meadowwood for our annual retreat to reflect on our mission and plan for the year ahead. We began our morning with faith sharing and took time to reflect on our mission and how we fulfilled that in 2025. We brainstormed ideas on what we should "Start" to bear new fruit, what we should "Continue" doing, and what we might "Stop" to better focus our energy. We evaluated these ideas based on their impact both inside and outside our church walls, and then voted to establish our top priorities for 2026.

- **Expanding Community Outreach:** We will continue our bi-monthly cooking for the homeless in partnership with the "Deviators" organization. Additionally, we plan to expand our community meals into a monthly event open to the public, taking steps to ensure our kitchen and food safety practices are ready to support this growth.
- **Building Partnerships:** We want to establish stronger relationships with St. James and other surrounding churches. By connecting with our neighbors, we can expand our opportunities for fellowship, service, and shared knowledge.
- **Joyful Stewardship:** We are working to adapt a culture of stewardship that focuses on the amazing work done through the congregation's contributions of time, talent and treasure.
- **Reconnecting:** We will be updating our membership list and reaching out to inactive or departed members. Our goal is to share the good news about our new relationship with Pastor McKinstry and invite people to upcoming events.

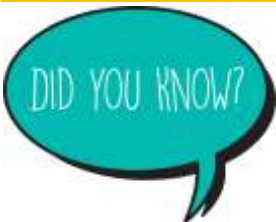
Beyond our top priorities, the Council identified several exciting goals to nurture our congregation and serve our community. A few of these include:

- **Growing Together:** We plan to establish an adult Christian education program and consistently offer routine fellowship time before or after the service.
- **Caring for Others:** We'd like to establish resources, like gift cards, to help those in need who stop by the church office looking for immediate help.
- **Connecting Locally:** We'd like to host quarterly community events, like sporting tournaments or educational seminars, and enhance our online streaming experience by transitioning to YouTube. We will also continue to build our strong relationship with the Nursery School and Daycare.

Achieving these goals will take all of us working together as one body in Christ. Do you have a passion for cooking, have an idea for certain community events, are you a good communicator, like home and building repair, have a heart for the homeless, or simply have a mind and body that can be put to tasks... YOU are a valuable part of the body of Christ, and together we will continue to strive to glorify God with our deeds and share the love of Christ with our community.

Sow, Grow, Go
Andy Englehart
JELC Council President

Did You Know....



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 60 years.

Do you know any fun facts about our church or other information you would like to let others know? Let us know!
Email or call the church office to be shared in the upcoming Good News!

Worship & Music Highlights

Lenten Soup Suppers and devotions:

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers in our Social Hall

February 25 through March 25 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We will share our meal at 6:30 followed by a brief devotion session. If you have a favorite soup you want to bring to share with the group, please refer to the sign up options listed in the bulletin.

Easter plans are being finalized for Palm Sunday through Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Glenda and Pastor Chris will be in charge of devotions.

A sign up sheet will be available for volunteers to provide soup and bread/crackers. Worship and Music will provide drinks. Judy will be contacted to notify the Day Care parents for our need to enter the social hall at 6:00pm. A suggestion was made that we post a sign at the cloister in addition to notifying the parents with a note.

Looking ahead: Holy Week

Recommendations for Council approval:

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2026 – service time 7:45pm

Good Friday – April 3, 2026 – service time 7:45pm

Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at Ott's 7:00am & at 11:00am at JELC

Confirmation Sunday change to May 31, 2026

Save the dates: June 14 & August 30, the Upper Salford Park has been reserved for our outdoor Worship Services followed by our pot luck picnic.

Our next Worship and Music Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, at 1:00pm in the Office Parlor.

Next meeting date:

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 1:00pm in the Office Parlor

Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School and Day Care



It has been a long winter for the children and staff at Jerusalem Lutheran Day Care. With the extremely frigid temperatures, it was often not possible to take the children outside. However, when the weather became warmer, the children had a wonderful time playing on a large, icy snowdrift on the playground. Perhaps we have some future mountain climbers at JLDC! Now, as we head into March, we are counting the days until the arrival of spring. We are looking forward to warmer weather and longer hours of daylight. We cannot wait to exchange our heavy winter gear for less layers and lightweight jackets. We are anxious to resume our neighborhood walks and playtime at Meadow Park. It will be so nice to take in the wonderful sights and smells of springtime. Hurry up spring, come quickly!

Tell a Friend: Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School is currently registering three, four, and five year olds for the 2026-2027 school year. In addition, Jerusalem Lutheran Day Care is accepting registrations for our Before and After School program for students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade who attend Schwenksville Elementary School.

For more information on these programs, please call the JLNS&DC office at 610-287-6360.

Recently, while the weather was cold and dreary, the JLDC staff was busy thinking about sunny days and warm temperatures as we planned our Summer Camp program. We are looking forward to 9 weeks of nonstop fun and adventure. Summer Camp is open to children ages 13 months through 5th grade. Please call the JLNS&DC office at 610-287-6360 for more information.

Reminder: Like us on Facebook to see all the latest happenings at JLNS&DC.

Staff News: Recently, Judy McKeever, JLNS&DC Program Director, was thrilled to become a grandmother. Georgia Mae McKeever was born on February 4th to Nathan and Elyse McKeever. Georgia is a true blessing, and she has already brought a great deal of joy to the entire McKeever family!



Care Team Highlights



Sunshine Friends Birthdays: Jean Fulmer, March 9th & Don Whitko, March 31

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 Feb 19, 2026 at 9:30 AM in the Youth Center.

Jeanette Frey	Gene & Pat Miesse	Don and Jean Whitko
Anne Fisher	Don & Nancy Peters	Janice Witte
Jean Fulmer	Robert Schirk	Donna Wisniewski
Barbara Hartenbauer		

March Birthdays

01 Nancy Arnold
 03 Bonnie Clarke,
 Noah Makarichev,
 Sean Weygand, Christina Ziegler
 05 Cynthia Ziegler
 08 Ella Gosch,
 09 Jean Fulmer



10 Ubaid Emanual
 14 Yvonne Heebner,
 Brett Kuiken,
 23 Bill Boorse
 24 Pam Radicioni
 28 Dave McHugh
 31 Don Whitko,
 Adriana Cusumano



** Please note Birthdays have only been listed by request. We are currently in the process of updating our birthday list. If you would like to add a name to our list, please contact the Church Office. Thank you! ***

Special Birthday Wishes!



Congratulations to Don Whitko who reaches the milestone of 95 years of age on March 31, 2026. Don joined Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church around 1968 and has been a faithful member ever since. Although not currently active, Don has served our church in many ways over the years.

He was Church Council President, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Lector, Usher, and a member of the church’s bowling and softball teams. Especially noteworthy, were the weekly vignettes (52) he wrote in 1985 to celebrate and showcase the history of our church on its 150th anniversary. Don even portrayed Pastor Ken Ensminger in a play performed for the celebration.

Thank you for all your contributions to our church, Don, and Happy 95th Birthday!

Our Member of the Month

Member
OF THE
Month!

This “*Member of the Month*” spotlight section featured in our monthly “Good News” newsletter is intended with hopes 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.

This month’s Member of the Month is Glenda Ortiz



I have been a member of Jerusalem Lutheran Church since 2010. I was called in to this church by our carillons, which I could hear playing from my home. One day I was on a walk, getting familiar with our new neighborhood and community, when I heard the carillons play as I walked by our church and thought “So, this is where the bells come from.” I visited Jerusalem church shortly after that and made this our home church since. I have been teaching Sunday School here at JELC for 13 years. I have been Parish Secretary for 8 years now. I have 4 wonderful children from ages 32 years old to 15 years old (Sean Ortiz is my youngest). I have two dogs, a cat, and 3 birds. I love beach days, watching sunrises and sunsets, journaling, and Bible Studying. I also love visiting my adult children in their new homes, and my sister in PR. I love our church family, seeing the youth from

our church grow throughout the years, but most importantly I love been part of Jerusalem’s church family and history, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus and God’s love with others.

With love, Glenda :)

Holy Baptism



Baptized into our church family.....

Brooke Noelle Lanzilotti

born on October 23, 2025

daughter of Amanda & Nicholas Lanzilotti



Spring Forward



Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, March 8th!

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour (Spring forward) on Saturday, March 7th before you go to bed!

March Worship Volunteers

DATE	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
	Communion		Communion		Communion
	2nd Sunday in Lent	3rd Sunday in Lent	4th Sunday in Lent	5th Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly	Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly	Bill & Janet Luyben	Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly	Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Sean Ortiz
Counters	Chas & Gina Weygand	Paul Ensminger & Chris Freer	Linda Kehs Ardie Musselman	Tim & Nancy Arnold	Babs deFrenes & Jack Bowman
Altar Guild: Rose Koehler & Louise Hunsicker 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: lkehss@verizon.net or call 215-855-1745. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:30 AM In-person single worship service with communion Parameters: PURPLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 5px;">Communion</div>	2 10:45 AM-3:45 PM MCIU Therapy Sessions (YC)	3 12:30 PM-2:00 PM MCIU Therapy Sessions (YC) 7 PM JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)	4 12 PM-4 PM MCIU Therapy Sessions (YC) 1:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting (OP) 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Suppers and Devotions (SH) 7:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)	5 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM MCIU Therapy Sessions (YC) 6:30 PM Steeplefingers Rehearsal 7:30 PM Asaph Choir Rehearsal	6 10 AM - 12:45 PM MCIU Therapy Sessions (YC)	7 7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC) Spring Forward Turn your clocks forward one hour!
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29 Palm Sunday 9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Class (Palm Sunday Celebration) 10:30 AM In-person single worship service Parameters: PURPLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 5px;">Communion</div>	30 10:45 AM-3:45 PM MCIU Therapy Sessions (YC)	31 12:30 PM-2:00 PM MCIU Therapy Sessions (YC)	YC - Youth Center SH - Social Hall OP - Office Parlor			



Pine Forge Academy Choir

Garrett Roseborough, Director



Returning from a concert tour in the UK, the world-renowned Pine Forge Academy Choir is a group of vocally diverse, talented, and dedicated youth. The choir is noted for its full, rich, and powerful harmonious quality as heard through its spirituals, gospels, anthems, and classical repertoire.

4 pm, Sunday, March 1
St. John's Lutheran Church
355 St. John's Circle
Phoenixville PA
610.933.3947

No tickets required. A freewill offering, suggested \$10 donation, will be received.

Congregational Church Council 2026

Andy Englehart
Norma Grosick
Chris Freer
Caesar Gorski, Jr.
Jen Wolk

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Financial Secretary

Paul Ensminger
Madeline Morris
Samuel Morris

Inclement Weather Cancelations



Please be aware that in the **event of cancelations** for worship service or other events due to inclement weather, we will notify the congregation via: Email, Social media announcements, website update, church office voicemail greeting, and phone calls to those that attend that don't have email or access to any electronic notifications. Also, feel free to contact Andy Englehart or Glenda Ortiz for cancelation confirmation.



New Worship Schedule



Sunday School & Confirmation Classes ~ 9:15 AM

Single Worship Schedule ~ 10:30 AM



The People of Jerusalem Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Chris McKinstry, Pastor

David A. Crist, Director of Music Glenda Ortiz, Secretary

311 Second Street Schwenksville, PA 19473

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Phone: 610-287-7104

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For pastoral care please contact Pastor Chris McKinstry at: 484-300-6674 or the church office at 610-287-7104

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