



February 9, 2024

HEAVEN'S HERALD

NJLC Weekly Newsletter

February 11 Bulletin

Lectionary Readings

- 2 Kings 2:1-12
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- Psalms 50:1-6
- Mark 9:2-9

Why do pirates wear eye patches?

It may not be the reason you think. Come find out what this has to do with the Transfiguration as Pastor Carl takes his sermon from Mark 9:2-9.

Prayers for our NJLC community

***new names added this week (NJLC connection)*

**Michelle Bloom (NJLC member); Nancy Orndorff (NJLC member); Jay Merchant (Kate Freeman); Cathy Ciesinski (Toni Chancellor-Adams); Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock (Judy Fox); Evelyn Bowman (NJLC member); Anna Adler (Leah Onderdonk)

Prayer list resets at the beginning of each month. Please contact the church office to add names, office@njlc.org or 540-822-5576.

Would you like to become a member of New Jerusalem?

New members will be received Easter Sunday, March 31. If you are interested in membership, please contact Pastor Carl at Pastor.njlc@gmail.com or 703-955-6714.



Ash Wednesday service, February 14 at 12:00 noon



Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice that many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9, Job 42:6; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practices as an external mark of penitence.

Supper Sunday Potluck is this Sunday!
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for SOUP and CHILI.

Easter Flowers



Easter flowers will be ordered from CM Bloomers Florist. Be sure to fill out the order form completely; include your name, the name(s) of the person(s) being remembered/honored, and the number and kinds of plants. Payments can be made through NJLC's online giving portal, placed in the weekly offering, or given/mailed to the church office. Be sure to indicate "Easter Flowers" on the memo line of your check.



[Online order form](#)

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Thankofferings

NJ WELCA will be collecting Thankofferings during the month of February. Offerings can be collected in any kind of container such as a jar or box. Donations may also be submitted by check. Please make checks payable to NJ WELCA with "Thankoffering" in the memo. Final collection will be Sunday, February 25. These offerings are used to support the ELCA's women's many ministries.



"The Theology of the Cross" Adult Forum Lenten Study

Pastor Carl will lead an examination of atonement theory -- what we really mean when we use words like "savior" and "redeemer". It addresses the question, "Why did Jesus have to die?" The class will meet following worship on February 25, March 10, and March 24.

Season of Lent

The schedule for the season is below. Please let Pastor Carl know if you have one or more children who will be attending First Communion classes.

- Feb 14 (Wed) Ash Wednesday, 12 noon service
- Feb 18 (Sun) First Communion Instruction, 11:00 a.m.
- Feb 25 (Sun) "The Theology of the Cross" Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 3 (Sun) First Communion Instruction, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 10 (Sun) "The Theology of the Cross" Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 17 (Sun) First Communion Instruction, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 24 (Sun) Palm Sunday, First Communion
"The Theology of the Cross" Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 29 (Fri) Good Friday service at Bethel Lutheran Church 7:30 p.m.

