

Heaven's Herald Newsletter

February 12, 2023



NEW JERUSALEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission: Responding to God's grace, we are a welcoming congregation growing in Christian faith through worship, learning, serving and fellowship.

Our Vision: New Jerusalem Lutheran Church is a compassionate community of disciples that values everyone and expresses faith by connecting with God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and all creation.

LECTIONARY READINGS: February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

LECTIONARY READINGS: February 19

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9



PRAYERS FOR OUR NJLC COMMUNITY

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



Prayer Requests: Al Vingelis (*Pastor Krista Vingelis*); Family of Don Garrett; Larson family; Pat Solano (*Lynn & John Solano*); Darlene & John Hove (*Michelle Bloom*); Dean Fox (*Judy Fox*); Karen Hampel (*Harold Weller*); Wanda Fox (*Judy Fox*); Roger Schlichting (*Lisa Loeffler*); Barbara Vilpors; Greg Keister (*Helen Keister*); Marilyn Larson (*Jinann Larson*); Ann Shomaker; Gary Lowry; Rick & Renee Carmody (*Lisa Loeffler*); Michael Clevenger (*T.J. & Kim Chatfield*); Peggy Glascock (*Judy Fox*); Randy Horst (*Diana Zapf*); Bob Martin (*Barbara Vilpors*); Joyce Norris Miller (*Barbara Tritapoe*); Charlotte Clatterbuck; Chuck Dieter; Barbara Lamm; Lori Legard; Janice Windsor

Prayers For Those Serving Our Nation: LTC Andrew Zapf; LTC Mack Brownell; All of our troops serving overseas; Seaman Matthew J. Betz; PFC Nicholas Wagoner; Lt Kawika Chang; Major Gretchen Day; Christopher Lentz

MIDDLE EAST EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) provides aid to those impacted by devastating natural disasters, such as the recent powerful earthquakes that hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. To help with the relief efforts for those impacted by these earthquakes, click [HERE](#) or visit the ELCA's website at <https://elca.org/> for more info. 100% of your gifts to "Middle East Crisis" go to supporting earthquake survivors and other people affected by disasters in the region.



2022 TAX STATEMENTS

Thank you for your generosity and giving over this past year! End-of-Year Contribution Statements have been mailed to everyone with an offering envelope number. If you find any discrepancies between your records and your 2022 NJLC End-of-Year Contribution Statement, please reach out to the church office. We will make every effort to work with you to correct our records and get you a new statement as quickly as possible.

*If you do not currently have an envelope number (physical or electronic) and would prefer to receive one combined itemized contribution statement at the end of each year vs a letter each time a contribution is made, please contact the church office.

GUEST PASTOR: Pastor Terry Hannon

Please join us in welcoming the Pastor Terry Hannon as she preaches and leads us in our worship service this Sunday!



Pastor Terry is retired and lives at The Village at Orchard Ridge west of Winchester, where she moved with her husband, John, in 2013 from Fairfax. Rostered in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod, she has served congregations in Reston and Alexandria, and she served as interim Lutheran campus minister at George Mason University in Fairfax, all in Virginia. A native of Columbia, South Carolina, and a fourth-generation Lutheran pastor, Pastor Terry grew up in South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina. She graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College (now University) in Hickory, North Carolina, with a degree in physical and health education. She spent 20½ years in the U.S. Air Force before attending and graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 2001.

ASH WEDNESDAY LENT KITS

We have a limited supply of Lent Kits available for those who are homebound and unable to attend our Ash Wednesday service at noon on February 22. The kits include a container of ashes and directions. Contact the church office by Monday, February 20, to make arrangements for a kit to be delivered to you.

EASTER FLOWERS

Order options for Easter flowers and colors this year are: Easter Lilies for \$14.50, Tulips for \$12.50 (red, yellow, purple, white, orange, pink), Hyacinths for \$12.50 (blue, white, pink) and Mini-Daffodils for \$8.50.



Easter Flowers can be ordered now through Monday, February 27. Click [HERE](#) to order online or fill out a printed form available at the church. Payments may be made through our online giving portal, mailed/given to the church office or placed in the weekly offering. Please indicate "Easter Flowers" on the memo line/envelope.

NURSERY HEPLERS NEEDED

The Nursery is in need of volunteers! Please sign-up to help on the schedule in the church hallway or contact the church office for more info.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a beautiful and meaningful addition to the worship service each week and a joyful way to give glory to God and honor our family and friends. To provide the altar flowers for a special up-coming Sunday, sign-up today on the new Flower Chart in the church hallway or contact the church office.

FOOD PANTRY: Egg Cartons & Bags

Do you have any extra shopping bags (plastic or cloth) or empty egg cartons? Please bring them in for the Food Pantry!



FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS

We had a record turnout this past Wednesday! We currently have the following urgent needs: dried black beans, crackers, coffee (instant and ground), strawberry jam, paper towels, cooking oil, canned meats (all varieties including salmon), Jell-o, pancake mix, tea.

For information about the food pantry or how to make a monetary contribution, visit the [NJLC website](http://www.njlc.org). If you have questions regarding donations or would like to set up an appointment to receive assistance from the food pantry, contact the [church office](mailto:churchoffice@njlc.org) (540-822-5576).

FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOURS

The Food Pantry is open from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday for anyone in need of food assistance to come without an appointment. If assistance is needed outside of these times, you may contact the church office to schedule an appointment.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

If you knit or crochet and would like to make prayer shawls for folks in need of love and comfort, come join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor of the education building!



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Please stay safe and advised on how the winter weather effects NJLC office closings and church activity cancellations. During the week, we observe the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) inclement weather-related closures, cancellations and delays. If LCPS closes schools, the church office will be closed and all activities cancelled. If LCPS remains open but cancels evening activities, then all evening church activities will also be cancelled. Unless otherwise alerted, weekend activities will also follow LCPS closures and cancellations.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Meeting Minutes

Church Council Meeting Minutes are posted in the church hallway and available through the [church office](mailto:churchoffice@njlc.org).



Synod News

Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod
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#NoPlasticsforLent INITIATIVE

The #NoPlasticsforLent initiative, led by young adults across the church, calls us to prayer for creation, to lament the ways we have been complicit in the degradation of the earth, and to action to care for our neighbor in fasting from the things that are hurting our planet. Make your pledge for #NoPlasticsforLent [HERE](https://www.no-plastics-for-lent.org/).

LEARNING WORKSHOP: "Trauma & Its Healing"

On February 21 at 7:00 p.m., the Lutheran Faith Community Nurse Association is sponsoring "Trauma & Its Healing," an educational Zoom event. Non-members and non-nurses are welcome to attend! Click [HERE](https://www.lfca.org/trauma-workshop) to learn more and register.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MAR-LU-RIDGE

Mountain Service (February 21 @ 9:00 a.m.): Join us in Agape Hall to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No experience necessary. Register [HERE](https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/mountain-service).

Community Meal (March 12 @ 4:00 p.m.): Everyone is welcome to gather in Agape Hall for an evening of delicious food from Chef Tim, stories, highlights and warm fellowship. RSVP to mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org to attend this FREE event.

Mountain Topics (March 21 @ 9:00 a.m.): Hear Pastor Annabelle Markey in the Potomac Lodge share her experience walking the Camino de Santiago, lunch included. Register [HERE](https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/mountain-topics).

Work Day (April 1 @ 8:00 a.m.): Meet at Agape Hall for breakfast and help us get the grounds ready for spring and summer! We have chores for all ages and abilities. Lunch served at noon. All are welcome!

Easter Sunrise Service (April 9 @ 6:00 a.m.): Salem on the Mountain Chapel and breakfast in Agape Hall.

Camp Day (April 16): This FREE event is for anyone who wants to visit MLR. Maybe you are registered for camp and want to see the cabins and meet some staff members, or perhaps you have never been here before and are curious about the ministry. All are welcome!

Summer Camp: Welcome all families and youth ages 6-17 to a fun-filled week of camp! Check out the [2023 Summer Camp](https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp) programs and click [HERE](https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp) to register. Camperships are available for anyone in need of assistance. We never turn a camper away.

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[Online Giving Page](https://www.njlc.org/giving)
[Worship Sermons & Resources](https://www.njlc.org/worship-sermons-resources)
[Heaven's Herald Newsletters](https://www.njlc.org/heavens-herald-newsletters)
[Worship Lifters & Altar Flowers](https://www.njlc.org/worship-lifters-altar-flowers)
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