



February 16, 2024

# HEAVEN'S HERALD

NJLC Weekly Newsletter

February 18 Bulletin

### Lectionary Readings

Genesis 9:8-17

1 Peter 3:18-22

Psalms 25:1-10

Mark 1:9-15

### Many thanks

to those of you who brought food dishes for the reception luncheon following the service for Mack Keister. We heard many compliments on the delicious meal and even though it was a large gathering, there was enough left to send home with Helen and her family, who were very appreciative. Thank you also for those who gave a cash donation to cover purchased items - it helped greatly. And, of course, a very special thank you to all the great help in setting up, serving, and cleanup. It was a big job and you so graciously jumped in. You are the best!

### 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](mailto:office@njlc.org) or 540-822-5576.*

### Playground is this Sunday

Children begin worship with us and, following the children's message, will go as a group with Mrs. Barlow to the Playground for Bible study activities. Playground meets every month on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays.



### First communion instruction begins this Sunday

Children who will be taking first communion on Palm Sunday begin instruction this Sunday. They will meet with Pastor Carl after worship for the class.

### Important Call Candidate Dates

**February 24**

2:00-4:00 p.m. ⇒ "Meet and Greet" in the Fellowship Hall

**February 25**

10:00 a.m. ⇒ Call candidate conducts the morning worship  
11:00 a.m. ⇒ Congregational call meeting, discussion, and vote

### Last week to order Easter Flowers



[Online order form](#)



[Online giving portal](#)

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.

**All orders and payments must be received by noon on Monday, February 19.**



### "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 March 10, 17, and 24.

### 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.



### New Member Sunday March 31

New NJLCC members will be received Easter Sunday, March 31. If you are interested in membership, please contact Pastor Carl at [pastor@njlc.org](mailto:pastor@njlc.org) or 703-955-6714.

### 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.
- 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 "The Theology of the Cross"
- Mar 24 (Sun) Palm Sunday, First Communion "The Theology of the Cross" Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 29 (Fri) Good Friday service

