

# Heaven's Herald Newsletter

February 19, 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 19

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

## LECTIONARY READINGS: February 26

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



## 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*); Wanda Fox (*Judy Fox*); Roger Schlichting (*Lisa Loeffler*); Greg Keister (*Helen Keister*); Marilyn Larson (*Jinann Larson*); Ann Shomaker; Gary Lowry; Rick & Renee Carmody (*Lisa Loeffler*); 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

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

As Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week, the church office will remain open on Monday (President's Day) and will instead be closed on Friday, February 24. The eNews and bulletin will still be posted and sent out as normal. Messages will be retrieved and responded to the following business day.

## MIDDLE EAST EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) provides aid to those impacted by devastating natural disasters, such as the earthquakes that hit and impacted Turkey and Syria. To help with relief efforts for those impacted by these earthquakes, click [HERE](#) or visit the ELCA's website at <https://elca.org/>. 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! 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: The Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Carl

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Phil Carl as he preaches and leads us in our worship service this Sunday morning!



Pastor Phil recently retired following 45 years of ministry, 30 of which were served in Ohio. His most recent congregation was Christ the Servant in Reston, where Pastor Krista is now serving, and served there for 14 years. He is a graduate of Hamma School of Theology and received his Doctor of Ministry from Trinity Seminary, both in Ohio. Pastor Phil's wife of 49 years, Marilyn, is in a care facility. Their home is in Ashburn near One Loudoun. Their son, Matt, lives in Maryland just outside of DC and was our reason for moving east. Their daughter, Kathie, passed away in 2004. Pastor Phil's hobbies include sailing and biking. He enjoys the ministry and is very much looking forward to serving NJLC as Interim Pastor.

## ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent Kits Available

Lent Kits are available for those who are unable to attend our Ash Wednesday service. To arrange for a kit to be delivered to you, contact the church office.

## ASH WEDNESDAY: Worship Options

**In-Person** - A Ritual for Imposition of Ashes service will be offered in the NJLC sanctuary at noon on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

**Online** - For those who cannot make it to our Ash Wednesday service in person, Zion and Bethel Lutheran Churches have extended an invitation to share in their online "In Home Church Worship." A link for their Ash Wednesday service will be posted on their website ([BZChurches.org](http://BZChurches.org)) and also on their [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

## EASTER FLOWERS

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.



Ordering options for 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.

## 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

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

Please save your extra shopping bags (plastic or cloth) and empty egg cartons and 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: cooking oils, evaporated milk, ketchup, mayonnaise, Vienna sausages, strawberry jam, white rice, paper towels, black pepper, non-instant oatmeal, coffee (instant and ground), sugar and dried black beans.



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:church@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!



## WELCA MEETING

All women are welcome and invited to attend the NJ WELCA meetings on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.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.



## PEACE VIGIL

On February 24, 2022, the Russian army invaded Ukraine. One year later, Lord of Life Lutheran Church is hosting a Peace Vigil, to pray for peace, not just in Ukraine, but in the many places of war and conflict in our world and in ourselves. The public is invited to join us for meditation, prayer and reflection. Come and go any time between 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24. There will be an interfaith program open to the community at 7:00 p.m. The vigil and program will be held simultaneously at Lord of Life – Fairfax (5114 Twinbrook Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032) and Lord of Life – Clifton (13421 Twin Lakes Dr, Clifton, VA 20124).

## #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.njlc.org/no-plastics-for-lent).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MAR-LU-RIDGE

**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](mailto: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.njlc.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.njlc.org/summer-camp) programs and click [HERE](https://www.njlc.org/summer-camp) to register. Camperships are available for anyone in need of assistance. We never turn a camper away.

## VISIT NJLC ONLINE:

[NJLC Website](http://www.njlc.org)  
[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/heaven-herald-newsletters)  
[Worship Lifters & Altar Flowers](https://www.njlc.org/worship-lifters-altar-flowers)  
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