

Heaven's Herald Newsletter

February 26, 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 26

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

LECTIONARY READINGS: March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a; 3:1-7; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17



PRAYERS FOR OUR NJLC COMMUNITY

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

Prayer Requests: **Pastor Lee & Cindy Crosby (*Judy King*); 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*); 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

WELCA QUILT TYING PROJECT

Would you like to help with tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief? The quilts are in the fellowship hall cabinet next to the Cherub's Corner. You may either work on them in the fellowship hall or take them home to work on and bring back. Call or text Soledad Lemp for details or if you have any questions.



COMMUNITY EVENT: Senior Lunch

A catered Senior Lunch for everyone ages 55 and up will be held at the Lovettsville Community Center at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 2. The cost is \$10 per person and will include lasagna, meatballs, salad and dessert. Please register by Monday, February 27 via WebTrac (activity # 302620-01). You can also register through the Lovettsville Community Center (540-822-5284) or e-mail (beth.metzger@loudoun.gov).

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.

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 again 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.

EASTER FLOWERS: Last Chance to Order

The deadline to order Easter Flowers is this 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.

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.

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

The following items are most urgently needed: fruit cocktail, toilet paper, ketchup, mustard, dry black beans, cooking oil, cake mixes, crackers, pudding, strawberry jam, canned salmon, paper towels and laundry detergent.



Details about the food pantry and how to donate are posted on the [NJLC website](http://www.njlc.org). For additional questions or to make 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.

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.



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.



Synod News

Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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LIVING LUTHERAN IS GOING DIGITAL

Living Lutheran magazine will print its final issue in December 2023. Also, the magazine will print six issues in this final year. This focus on online content and new channels of distribution will provide more flexibility and options for how the stories of the ELCA are told. Click [HERE](#) to sign-up for Living Lutheran's e-digest, a weekly email that highlights the top five most-read stories on LivingLutheran.org.

#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](#).

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 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](#).

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](#) programs and click [HERE](#) to register. Camperships are available for anyone in need of assistance. We never turn a camper away.

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