

Heaven's Herald Newsletter

March 5, 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: March 5

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

LECTIONARY READINGS: March 12

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

PRAYERS FOR OUR NJLC COMMUNITY

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

Prayer Requests: **Spiker & Conchilla families (*Linda Heffern*); 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 Clatterback; 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

WELCOME INTERIM PASTOR PHILLIP CARL

We are excited to welcome Pastor Phil Carl as our new Interim Pastor! A new pastoral e-mail address has been created and you may reach Pastor Phil directly at pastor.njlc@gmail.com or by calling the church office. His phone number is available to the congregation upon request.



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 their 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.

THE PRAYGROUND: This Sunday

After the children's message this Sunday, kids will be invited to The Prayground for Bible lessons, crafts and other activities.



**The Prayground is available on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Jennifer Barlow.

FAREWELL FROM RACHEL LESINK

It is after much consideration and a heavy heart that I share with you that I will be stepping down as your Church Office Administrative Assistant. I am very saddened to be leaving, but I am also excited for the new opportunity which I will be pursuing. My last day in the office will be on Friday, March 10; however, I will be working some extended hours throughout this week to help ensure a smooth transition.

I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside such a wonderful group of individuals. I feel honored to have served you and the ministries of New Jerusalem throughout these last couple years. I am grateful for all of you who made me feel like part of your family and I will truly treasure your kindnesses. I hope that you and the church will continue to grow and know that New Jerusalem holds a special place in my heart.

May peace and blessings be with you always!
~ Rachel Lesink ~

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: March 6-10

We respectfully ask for your patience, understanding and grace during this period of transitioning. The scheduled office hours for this week are as follows:

- Monday, March 6 = 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 7 = 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 8 = 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 9 = CLOSED
- Friday, March 10 = 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering on a weekday to help answer the phones and assist those who come by the church office, please contact the church office.

WELCA: March Meeting

The WELCA meeting for this month will be on Saturday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All women are invited and welcome to come! WELCA meetings are typically held at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month in the parlor of the education building.

QUILT TYING PROJECT

Would you like to help with tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief? The quilts are in the fellowship hall. You may work on them at the church or take them home with you to work on and return. Call or text Soledad Lemp for details or if you have any questions.



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.



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: sugar, vegetable oil, juice, oatmeal (non-instant), canned peas, dried beans (kidney, navy, lentils) and Weis gift cards (\$25 preferred).



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.

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

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Bishop Leila is doing a Lenten Reflection series on her recent trip to the Holy Land. Read the first reflection now on our Synod's blog [HERE](#).

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.

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 the camp. 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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