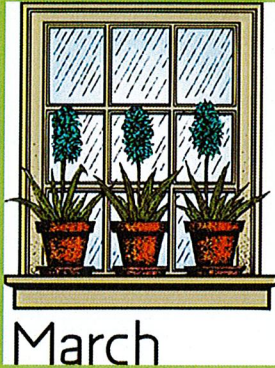


St. Jacob's Lutheran Newsletter



MISSION STATEMENT

We Are St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Sharing Jesus' Love By
+ growing deeper in our faith;
+ supporting each other and raising up leaders for ministry;
+ making disciples and caring for the neighbor.

Pastor's Message



This time of year we look for signs of spring: for crocus pushing through snow; for light-filled skies when we get home from work; and for the return of the first robin. I've not seen a robin yet, but the other two signs of spring have arrived to lift hearts a little too tired of winter's sparse beauties.

It might seem odd, then, that the timing of spring and Lent coincide, at least in the northern hemisphere of our earth. But the word, "Lent," is middle English or Old High German for spring, a time when we see nature renewed in all its green glory. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal when, by attending more closely to the disciplines of faith, we restore faith and discipleship.

The disciplines of faith: prayer, the daily reading of Scripture, fasting, and giving to the poor, are simple and effective ways of renewing in ourselves a love of God, a willingness to follow Jesus Christ even to the cross, a sense of generosity rising out of our gratitude for God's gifts, and a willingness to forgive that can only come from the Holy Spirit.

That Spirit-driven mercy is the theme of Lent. And these words, "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful," are the key words of Lent. All of us, no matter how much we love and honor Jesus Christ, slip slowly, almost imperceptibly away from Christ. This is what sinners do, but that slippage is guaranteed in a secular age in which the words and images of faith are rarely found and even forcibly suppressed. Lent gives us an opportunity to turn away from all that draws us away from Christ and His cross, from all the petty idols that please us but lead nowhere good and holy. Return to me, says our Lord, for I am gracious and merciful. And He is, and His grace and mercy can inform all of our lives, from this present day until the day Christ returns.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Paula Murray

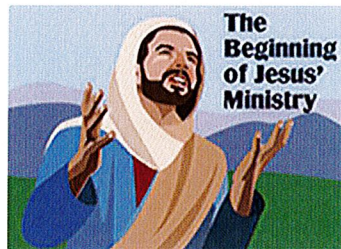
Holy Communion Instruction

Many of us remember having first holy Communion at our confirmation when we were in our teens. Theologically, though, there is no obstacle to the taking of holy Communion other than the communicant must be baptized. Some communions or churches commune baptized infants with bread mashed with wine, but we prefer to wait until a child can understand what a great gift Jesus Christ offers us

Children are invited to enter First Holy Communion classes at age 7 if they profess an interest in receiving Communion and have begun to read. We have instructed children as young as 5 if their parents thought them ready, and as old as 13. Please contact Pastor Murray if you wish to enroll your child in first holy Communion instruction. We will begin classes mid-March.



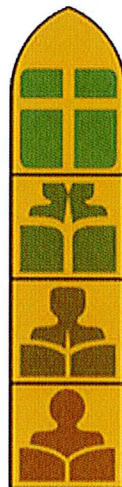
Our Sunday School programming is studying the life of Jesus Christ.



Pericope Study

Pastor is available to hold a study of the day's readings Sunday mornings at 9:30.

Come and get a deeper read on what God has to say to us.



Learn
&
Grow

Confirmation

We are going to get through the book of Genesis if it does the Pastor in!

We will also host our every third year reading of the



book of Esther on March 19 from 4:30 pm to about 7:00. This event is open to all members of the congregation, so join us for brisket, yummy salads, and traditional Purim cookies as we read the (short) book of Esther in masks representing the main characters of the book and make loud noise when the villain in the book has something to say. You will have great good fun and will learn something, too. Please sign up on the narthex table.





CHEESEBALLS – We will be taking orders for cheeseballs for Easter. Order forms will be available by March 13th and orders will be due no later than April 3rd.



Konde Diocese Auction – Outreach Committee is planning an Auction for March 27, after late worship as part of Hospitality. Proceeds will benefit our Sister Congregation in Isanga Parish, Tanzania, Africa. This event will be like the first one we held at Stone Church and will only involve members of the congregation. For sale will be Sewing Group quilts, some baked goods and a few Easter baskets. Pastor will try to get some pictures and other information to make a poster display about Konde Diocese. Please plan to attend and purchase items that will be for sale.

The committee is looking for someone to be our auctioneer, so if you are so inclined, please contact Tersie Krebs.

Worship Matters

I've variously described Lent as a bootcamp for Christians, discipleship training for new Christians, the journey with Jesus to the cross, the means by which we live a cross-shaped life, and our 40 days in the wilderness. All of these descriptions are accurate, but the description of Lent given us by Scripture itself is this: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and He relents over disaster." Joel 2:13b

The Christian life is one of repentance, of sorrow for our sin, of confession of same, and of the joy of receiving God's forgiveness. We are to return to the Lord our God continuously, just as we sin, continuously. To repent is to turn away from all that leads us to sin and to turn again to the Lord our God, Who is our creator, our redeemer, and our sanctifier.

The disciplines of Lent and its austerity is meant to help us make that return to our Lord, that at its conclusion we may with our whole hearts, minds, spirit, and strength rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in His Lordship.

May we all keep a holy Lent.



MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

MARCH 6	1 LENT SUNDAY		MARCH 20	3 LENT SUNDAY
Acolyte	Ethan Reifschneider		Acolyte	Noah Crum
Altar Guild	Marilyn Dunlap & Jenn Swift		Altar Guild	John & Phyllis Forsythe
Children's Church	Jessica Roberson		Children's Church	Jessica Roberson
Lector – early	Wendy Hemelgarn		Lector – early	Wendy Hemelgarn
Lector – late	Jim Dunlap		Lector – late	Phyllis Forsythe
Audio/Visual-early	Henry Stuckert		Audio/Visual-early	Henry Stuckert
Audio/Visual-late	Molly Williams & Mike Swift		Audio/Visual-late	Mike Swift & Shawn Hain
Usher	Jim Dunlap		Usher	Paul Bortner, Sr.
MARCH 13	2 LENT SUNDAY		MARCH 27	4 LENT SUNDAY
Acolyte	Victoria Swift		Acolyte	George Swift
Altar Guild	Paul Bortner, Sr. & Sue Williams		Altar Guild	Dean & Brenda Winemiller
Children's Church	Jessica Roberson		Children's Church	Jessica Roberson
Lector – early	Wendy Hemelgarn		Lector – early	Wendy Hemelgarn
Lector – late	Shawn Hain		Lector – late	Matt McMahon
Audio/Visual-early	Henry Stuckert		Audio/Visual-early	Henry Stuckert
Audio/Visual-late	Molly Williams & Shawn Hain		Audio/Visual-late	Mike Swift & Shawn Hain
Usher	Carolyn Miller		Usher	Jim Dunlap

Cemetery Clean Up

Stone Church Cemetery Cleanup is scheduled to take place during the month of March 2022. During that time lot owners are encouraged to gather items they wish to keep. Beginning April 1, 2022 remaining items will be gathered in preparation for Easter and the upcoming mowing season. No Glass containers. "Stone Church Cemetery Cleanup is scheduled to take place during the month of March 2022. During that time lot owners are encouraged to gather items they wish to keep. Beginning April 1, 2022 remaining items will be gathered in preparation for Easter and the upcoming mowing season. No Glass containers." The Trustees

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ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS



If you wish to sponsor flowers on a Sunday, please put your name by the date on the clip board in the narthex and you will be contacted by the church office as to how you want your sponsorship to read. If your name is already on the list and you wish to change, please contact the church office by phone at 717-235-7313 or email – stjacobs@comcast.net.

FLOWER PRICES

The price for two (2) altar vases or one basket arrangement for the altar is **\$35.00**. Please contact the church office for any changes you wish to make.

Please make checks payable to: *St. Jacob's Lutheran Church*

Flower sponsors who cannot be at the church on the designated date to pick up their flowers should please call the church office at 717-235-7313 ahead of time.

FLOWERS

BULLETINS

MARCH 6

Pastor Murray & Henry Stuckert

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MARCH 13

Jim & Connie Hersh

Steve & Vicki Kessler

MARCH 20

Baer family

John and Phyllis Forsythe

MARCH 27

Nace/Naylor

Steve and Vicki Kessler

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."



OUTREACH MINISTRY

“Shall strive to extend Christian compassion and help to the ill, the aged, the orphaned, the underprivileged and to all persons in need of aid in body and soul.”

SPECIAL APPEALS

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designated for the Konde Diocese, our sister congregation in Isanga Parish, Tanzania, Africa.

APRIL SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designated for Veterans and are sent to Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries Inc.



Offerings Received:

January – Sewing Group - \$275

Please remember to use the Yellow Special Appeals envelopes in your packets.

Thank you all for your generous contributions to our special appeals each month. Those less fortunate do appreciate your generous donations.

YOUTH FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to your generous contributions, the Youth Pantry is in good shape, Please place your items in the box marked for the Youth Pantry. Monetary donations are also welcome.



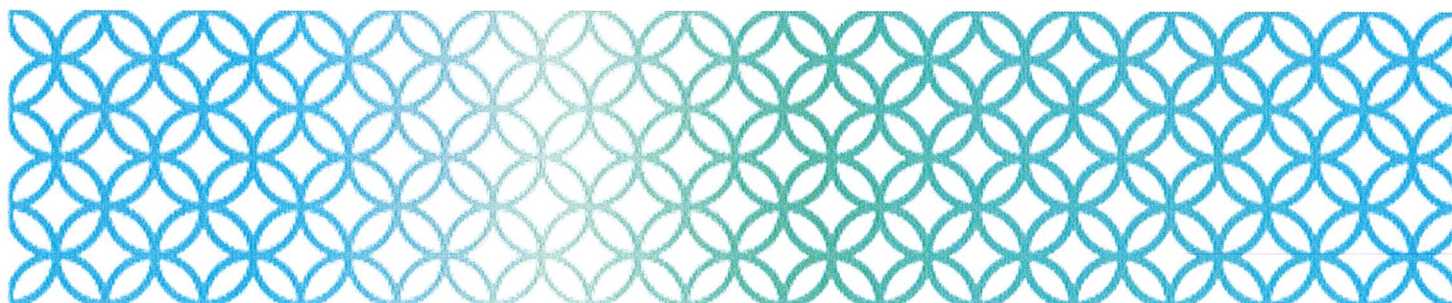
SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Needs throughout the year:

apples	box milk
peanut butter	Spam/Treat
jelly	cereal (cold/hot)
oatmeal	pasta
pasta sauce	canned meals
soup	toothpaste

Special need this month: applesauce

If you are interested in helping with the Outreach Ministry, please contact Ray Seeley. We meet the first Thursday of each month.



HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

ONE BODY • ONE SPIRIT

WE ARE IN NEED OF:

PAL: Single serve fruit cups, cans of mixed vegetables, and sandwich bags

CLOTHING BANK: Family sized toiletries, men's & women's ankle socks, women's underwear size 7, men's underwear white t-shirts XL/2X, women's plus 1x, 2x, 3x underwear, diapers size 5 & 6, and white trash bags.

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER: Men's boxers (S,M,L,XL), disposable gloves M/L, Lysol Spray, Clorox Wipe, sugar, and Q-tips

We accept donations Mon-Fri 8am -12:30pm and Sat 8am -12:30pm or by appointment. Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop off.

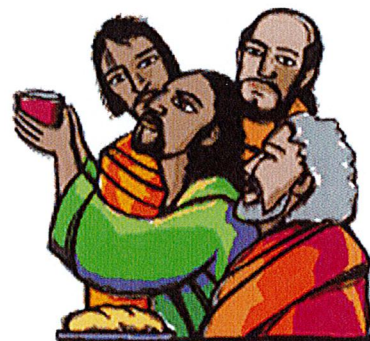


Love that welcomes all

Actor Tom Hanks once said, "There's no substitute for a great love who says, 'No matter what's wrong with you, you're welcome at this table.'" Although I don't know that quote's context, those words could well describe Jesus and Holy Communion, as well as God's unconditional love.

For when Jesus first invited his followers, "Take and eat; this is my body. Take and drink; this is my blood," he didn't exclude Judas, who would betray him, or Peter, who would deny him, or any of the others, who would abandon him as he was arrested and executed.

Indeed, no matter what's wrong with us — what sins we've committed, what flaws we try to hide — Jesus welcomes us to the communion table. And he'll welcome us to the great heavenly banquet at the end of time. For the great love of God declares, "You're all welcome at my table."



The Last Supper

SAINTS OF THE CHURCH



We wish a **Happy 70 + Birthday** to the following who will celebrate their special day this month. May God continue to bless them in the year to come.

Tersie Krebs **March 3**
3839 Snyder Road
Glen Rock, PA 17327

Shirley Kessler **March 30**
4069 Smoketown Road
Glenville, PA 17329

HOLY BIBLE TRIVIA

Who said, "Am I a dog that you come at me with sticks?"



Answer on Church Office page.

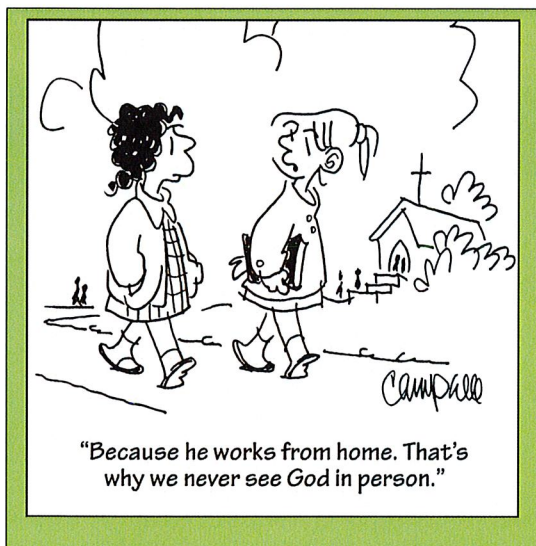
Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?



- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above

Answer on Church Office page.



DEACON'S CORNER

+Christian Symbol+



40—In Scripture, this number often indicates a time of trial or testing, or simply marks significance. It rained 40 days and nights during the Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. The Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

CHURCH OFFICE

For question and concerns, please call the Church Office at 717-235-7313.

Email: stjacobs@comcast.net

Facebook: [Stjacobs LutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/StjacobsLutheranChurch)

Web: stjacobslutheran.org

Inclement Weather Cancellation

In case of inclement weather, check Facebook page first. If you don't have the web, tune in to one of the following stations for cancellation notices for Sunday Services.

ABC 27

FOX 43

Facebook – [Stjacobs LutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/StjacobsLutheranChurch)

Web – stjacobslutheran.org



PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor will have special office hours to meet with people.

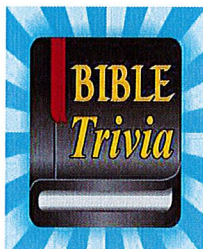
The hours will be **Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.**, although if that time does not work for you, just call and set up an appointment. Call when you have an emergency that requires pastoral care at any time

MARCH 10 DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER



OFFICE HOURS

Monday----- Closed
Tuesday----- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesday--- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday----- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday----- Closed



ANSWER: Goliath (1 Samuel 17:43)



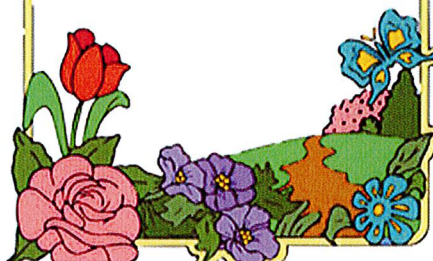
Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)



MARCH 13, 2022

First Day of Spring

March 20, 2022





March 2022

OFFICE HOURS: Tues—Wed—Thurs—10:00 am—2:00 pm
Mondays and Fridays—CLOSED

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	2 Ash Wednesday 9:00 am Sewing Group 10:00 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service 	3 8:30 am PAL at HACC 6:30 pm Outreach	4 9:30 am Music and Worship	5
6 1 Lent <i>Sending of Eucharistic Ministers</i> 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church	7 <i>Perpetua & Her Companions, Martyrs, 202</i>	8 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 pm Church Council	9 10:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45pm Worship	10	11 Pastor Off	12 
13 2 Lent <i>Prayers for Healing</i> 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church 12:30 pm Confirmation Class	14	15 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 pm Property Committee	16 9:00 am Sewing Group 10:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45pm Worship	17 <i>Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland 461</i>	18 Pastor Off	19 5:00 pm Purim Celebration* (Revised to 5:00 pm to allow for funeral luncheon)
20 3 Lent 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church 12:30 pm Confirmation Class	21 <i>Thomas Cramer, Martyr 1556</i>	22 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	23 10:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45pm Worship	24 8:30 am PAL at HACC	25 Pastor Off The Annunciation of Our Lord	26
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BLUE—Renewers of the Church
RED—Martyrs