

February 2023 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

It is all about the light. The light come into the world's darkness. The light that brings the balm that heals the consequences of sin, puts death to death, and gives life, love, and hope without end. It's all about the light that is Jesus Christ, that light we sing of in hymns like Christ, Be our Light.

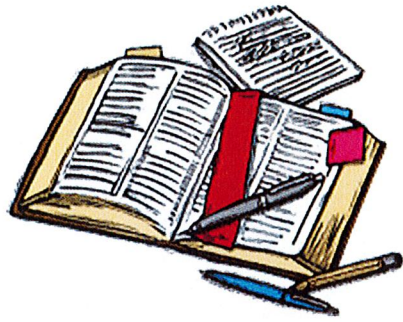
*Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

Beginning with the skies brightened by the angelic hosts announcing the news of Jesus' impending birth, the star directing the Magi to the Holy Infant, and the Baptism of Jesus and the appearance of the Holy Spirit, our life together as the Church has been about that saving light that is Jesus Christ. It culminates in the Transfiguration on February 19, when we see Jesus on the mountain, that place on earth closest to God, with Moses and Elijah, the greats of the Old Testament, shining with God's own light.

And just as we reach that bright pinnacle, the dark returns, or at least our attention is once again directed towards the shadow of sin that falls over creation, and death. Three days after Transfiguration Sunday we observe Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and we begin the sad march to Calvary and Christ's crucifixion. Granted, that dark is not as dark as it was before Christ was made incarnate of Mary, sacrificed Himself for our sins on the cross, and was raised from the dead by the Father. We know the cross is real, as was Jesus' death on it, but we also know that the resurrection of Jesus was real, as are the benefits we receive as a consequence of Jesus' willingness to save us who cannot save ourselves. Nonetheless, we spend some time reflecting about that darkness from which Jesus saves us, that we may better appreciate His grace and live gratefully in His light.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor



THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

Have you promised yourself you would someday read the Bible from Genesis through Revelation? Here's your chance to do just that, and to explore the Bible's riches for your life and faith. We will read 12 chapters a day for three months. Every Sunday morning we will gather at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary to share our experiences and then to watch a video that will explain what we have read and prepare us for the next week's readings. We have begun handing out the NIV Bible we use for this class so let us know that you are interested. Pastor is on vacation through February 5, so join us at 9:30 am, Sunday, February 12 to get started.



CHEESEBALLS

We will not be taking orders for Super Bowl, but will take orders for Easter. Information and order forms will be available in March. There are some small and large Specials in the freezer if anyone is interested in buying. Contact Tersie Krebs or Ruth Ann Baer.



Healthy Steps for Older Adults

St. Jacob's will be holding the York County Area on Aging Agency classes for Fall Prevention.

There is no fee for this program. You must be 60+ years of age and you must pre-register by calling Megan at 717-855-0437 no later than March 8.

The classes will be held on Tuesday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 28 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Learn about the cause of falls, how to prevent falls, safely exercising in the home, home safety, medication, food checks and more.



Confirmation Class



We meet on the second and fourth Sundays of February, the 5th and the 19th. We are reading through the Gospel of Matthew. Upcoming: we're still planning on a mystery night and a game night in the near future.

JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – Pot pie, sausage and pie sale, Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Pre-orders ONLY, call 717-676-2007 no later than March 4, 2023.

Chicken Pot Pie - \$9 per quart

Cooked Dutch sausage - \$5.75 per lb.

Raw Dutch Sausage - \$4.75 per lb.

Shoefly pie - \$8

Cherry pie - \$8



WORSHIP MATTERS

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are all parts of the Christmas cycle of the Church year. The last day of worship of the Christmas cycle is Transfiguration Sunday, which will be on February 19th this year. On this day we see the fullness of the divinity of Jesus Christ revealed in the glory of God surrounding Him, and in the presence of Moses and Elijah the continuity and the unity of God's plan for our salvation is made manifest. Jesus, standing on the mountain, is the fulfillment of God's saving work on our behalf, the culmination of His plan. On this day, we sing the last alleluia, praising God, until we come to the conclusion of the Easter Vigil, when with the opening of Christ's tomb we praise God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and our own salvation. On this day, too, we burn the ashes from last year's Palm Sunday for Ash Wednesday's crosses painted across our foreheads.

You may receive the ashes at one of two services on Ash Wednesday. The first service will be held at 10:00 am on February 22nd for those who must work later or who do not want to drive at night, and the second at the usual time of 7:00 that evening. The ashes are "imposed" on our foreheads in the form of a cross not only as a reminder of Jesus Christ's death on the cross for our forgiveness, but also of the sin which led Him to the cross. We see once more, in the ashen cross upon our brothers' and sisters' in Christ's brows, those sins which we have committed that made necessary the last sacrifice for sin, that of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends at sundown on Maundy Thursday. For forty days, excluding Sundays, we practice the disciplines of Lent in memory of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness preparing for His ministry. The disciplines of Lent include fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Sunday liturgies focus on our need for Christ's mercy, and includes a sung litany (a series of prayer petitions) based on the Ten Commandments asking God for His forgiveness for our trespasses. Wednesday evenings throughout March we will gather beginning at 6:00 pm for a Lenten Soup Supper and program called Lent's Treasures. Dinner will be served from 6:00 to 6:45 each Wednesday evening, with a treasure hunt beginning our Lenten study.



**LENTEN
STUDY**



MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

FEBRUARY 5	5 EPIPHANY
Acolyte	Ava Sanders
Altar Guild	Service of the Word
Audio/Visual-Early	Henry Stuckert
Audio/Visual – Late	Victoria Swift, Molly Williams
Children’s Church	Jessica Roberson
Hospitality	Williams family
Lector – Early	Wendy Hemelgarn
Lector – Late	Phyllis Forsythe
Usher - Late	Jim Dunlap

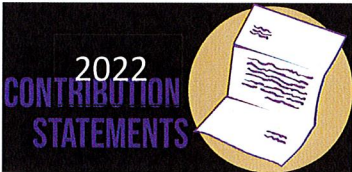
FEBRUARY 12	6 EPIPHANY
Acolyte	Bentley Waltersdorff
Altar Guild	Lisa Severn, Paul Bortner
Audio/Visual-Early	Henry Stuckert
Audio/Visual – Late	Mike Swift, Jeffrey Sanders
Children’s Church	Jessica Roberson
Hospitality	Soup & Salad Sunday Potluck
Lector – Early	Wendy Hemelgarn
Lector – Late	Shawn Hain
Usher - Late	Noah Crum

FEBRUARY 19	TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
Acolyte	Victoria Swift
Altar Guild	Lisa Severn, Sue Williams
Audio/Visual-Early	Henry Stuckert
Audio/Visual – Late	Shawn Hain, Mike Swift, Victoria Swift
Children’s Church	Jessica Roberson
Hospitality	
Lector – Early	Wendy Hemelgarn
Lector – Late	Ruth Ann Baer
Usher - Late	Carolyn Miller

FEBRUARY 26	1 LENT
Acolyte	George Swift
Altar Guild	John and Phyllis Forsythe
Audio/Visual-Early	Henry Stuckert
Audio/Vision-Late	Shawn Hain, Molly Williams
Children’s Church	Jessica Roberson
Hospitality	
Lector – Early	Wendy Hemelgarn
Lector – Late	Jim Dunlap
Usher- Late	Paul Bortner

We are looking for volunteers to serve as **Altar Guild assistants, Audio/Visual techs, Children’s Church assistants, and Lectors**. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 717-235-7313 or by email at Stjacobs@comcast.net.





RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS – The 2022 Record of Contributions were mailed to everyone who made a contribution for the year. If you did not receive a report or have discrepancies on the report received, please contact the Financial Secretary, Brenda Winemiller at 717-332-9219 as soon as possible.

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 8-inch arrangement for the altar is **\$40.00**. There is a small (6-inch) basket option for **\$30**. Please contact the church office for any changes you wish to make and specify what size you would like.

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

FEBRUARY 5 Brian & Ruth Ann Baer
FEBRUARY 12 Ronda Serafin
FEBRUARY 19 Harold and (late) Shirley Kessler
FEBRUARY 26 **OPEN**

BULLETINS

OPEN
Marilyn & Larry Leiphart
Vicki Kessler
Paul & Violet Bortner



HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

ONE BODY • ONE SPIRIT

WE ARE IN NEED OF:

PAL: Single serve fruit cups, cans of string beans, sweet peas & mixed vegetables; dish soap

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, and diapers size 5 & 6

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER: Deodorant (men & women), disposable gloves M/L, Lysol spray, Ajax, Clorox wipes, gallon Ziploc storage bags, and new bed pillows

We accept donations Mon.-Sat. 8:00 am—12:30 pm or by appointment. Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop-off time.

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

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designated for the Souper Bowl of Caring. All donations will be given to the Southern York County Food Pantry.

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

November Special Offerings:

Crop Walk - \$300

December Special Offerings:

World Hunger - \$155



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, although we still need holiday foods and hygiene products. 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 for February: Peanut Butter and Jelly

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

A PROPORTIONATE RETURN TO THE LORD

Yearly Household Income	5%		10%		15%	
	Weekly	Yearly	Weekly	Yearly	Weekly	Yearly
\$10,000	\$9.63	\$500	\$19.24	\$1,000	\$28.85	\$1,500
\$15,000	\$14.45	\$750	\$28.85	\$1,500	\$43.27	\$2,250
\$20,000	\$19.25	\$1,000	\$38.47	\$2,000	\$57.69	\$3,000
\$25,000	\$24.05	\$1,250	\$48.08	\$2,500	\$72.12	\$3,750
\$30,000	\$28.85	\$1,500	\$57.70	\$3,000	\$86.54	\$4,500
\$35,000	\$33.65	\$1,750	\$67.31	\$3,500	\$100.96	\$5,250
\$40,000	\$38.45	\$2,000	\$76.93	\$4,000	\$115.38	\$6,000
\$45,000	\$43.28	\$2,250	\$86.54	\$4,500	\$129.81	\$6,750
\$50,000	\$48.08	\$2,500	\$96.16	\$5,000	\$144.23	\$7,500
\$55,000	\$52.90	\$2,750	\$105.77	\$5,500	\$158.65	\$8,250
\$60,000	\$57.70	\$3,000	\$115.39	\$6,000	\$173.08	\$9,000
\$65,000	\$62.50	\$3,250	\$125.00	\$6,500	\$187.50	\$9,750
\$70,000	\$67.30	\$3,500	\$134.62	\$7,000	\$201.92	\$10,500
\$75,000	\$72.13	\$3,750	\$144.24	\$7,500	\$216.35	\$11,250
\$80,000	\$76.93	\$4,000	\$153.85	\$8,000	\$230.77	\$12,000
\$85,000	\$81.75	\$4,250	\$163.47	\$8,500	\$245.19	\$12,750
\$90,000	\$86.55	\$4,500	\$173.08	\$9,000	\$259.62	\$13,500
\$95,000	\$91.35	\$4,750	\$182.70	\$9,500	\$274.04	\$14,250
\$100,000	\$96.15	\$5,000	\$192.31	\$10,000	\$288.47	\$15,000

The 2022 Giving Statements have been distributed or mailed. You should receive them in the next few days. Above is the giving graph that should have been included with your 2022 Giving Statements. Sorry for the omission.

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.

Harold Kessler February 4

4064 Smoketown Road
Glenville, PA 17329

Carolyn Miller February 5

5069 School Street
Glenville, PA 17329

Doris Weaver February 26

3966 Shaffers Church Road
Glen Rock, PA 17327

Brenda Winemiller February 25

5672 Fair School Road
Glen Rock, PA 17327-8988

Precious Bortner February 25

15109 Bonnair Road
Glen Rock, PA 17327

HOLY BIBLE TRIVIA

Who predicted that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem?



Answer on Church Office page.

Bible Quiz

Fill in the blanks for three qualities Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13, attributes to love: "Love is _____; love is _____. ... it keeps no record of _____."

- A. challenging, important, the past
- B. childlike, innocent, injustice
- C. self-sacrificing, generous, finances
- D. patient, kind, wrongs

Answer on Church Office page.



DEACON'S CORNER

+Christian Symbol+



ECCE AGNUS DEI

Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist uses twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).



"I thought love made the world go round."

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.

Fox 43

ABC 27

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

Web – stjacobslutheran.org

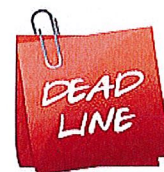


PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor will have special office hours to meet with people.

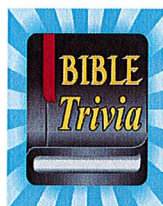
The hours will be **Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.** If you need to see Pastor another time, just call and set up an appointment. Call when you have an emergency that requires pastoral care at any time

FEBRUARY 10 FOR THE MARCH 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: Micah (Micah 5:2)



Answer: D
(See 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV.)



The river of life

The Red River of the North, in the north-central U.S. and central Canada, takes countless twists and turns. A close-up aerial photo or map shows its frequent sideswipes and U-turns. One could cross the river several times without changing direction while hiking or biking along the border between Minnesota and North Dakota. You might wonder at points if it has completely turned back south — which raises another point: While most rivers flow south, the Red River flows north.

Sometimes life meanders, but that doesn't mean we're off course. Sometimes we seem to be going in the opposite direction of most people, but that doesn't mean we're not headed the right way. Sometimes it feels like it takes us a long time to make progress, but that doesn't mean we're not moving. We might just be taking in more of life's scenery! Follow your own unique trajectory, letting God, the creator of all rivers and all life, serve as the current that moves you ever onward.



You are invited!

2023 Spring Women's Retreat

Friday, May 5 (check in at 4 PM) —
Noon on Sunday, May 7

at

Mount Asbury Retreat Center
1310 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241

Do you like chocolate? Our retreat this year will be using chocolate as a metaphor for savoring God's grace (and we'll even get to eat it, if you want to!) We will be drawn closer to Jesus by diving deeply into His miracles and what they teach about grace. The sessions will include fresh Bible stories, small group discussion, worship, personal reflection, Christian service, and more.

Register today for a fun filled weekend featuring fellowship, worship, Bible study, games, food, and quiet time. New friendships and memories will be made! Meals and linens are included.

COME JOIN US!

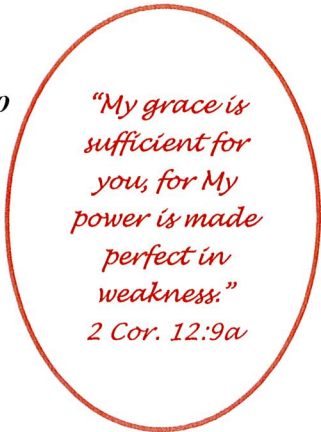
Atlantic Mission Region Women's Weekend Retreat

Café Chocolat

Friday, May 5, 2023 with arrival & check in at 4:00 PM to
Sunday, May 7 at noon



Mount Asbury Retreat Center
1310 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241



Pre-Registration Form

Total cost for the weekend is \$194 for a triple occupancy room, \$220 for a double occupancy room; \$251 for single occupancy. All 5 meals (Friday supper—Sunday brunch), linens & towels, the Bible study, hiking trails, campfire, great fellowship and fun are included.

YES! I am interested in attending! Save me a spot!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation Name _____

Congregation Address _____

_____ My **\$50 non-refundable pre-registration fee** is enclosed. This guarantees me a spot!

_____ I would be interested in a triple room. Roommate request (2): _____

_____ I would be interested in a double room. Roommate request: _____

_____ I would be interested in a single room.

I will confirm registration and finish paying _____ online OR _____ via a paper registration.
Both modes will become available in March.

To Save Your Spot:

Please complete this form and mail it with a check payable to the AMR
(Women's Retreat on the memo line) to:

_____ Yes! I will need a handicap accessible room.

Robin Harris
1800 Oak Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

BY FEBRUARY 28, 2023


To pre-register online go to <https://atlanticmissionregionalc.regfox.com/2023-retreat-pre-registration>



February 2023

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday—CLOSED
 Tues—Wed—Thurs
 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Friday—CLOSED

PASTOR'S HOURS: Tuesday—1-3 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 am Sewing Group	2 8:30 am PAL at HACC 6:30pm Outreach	3	4
			Pastor out of town	Pastor out of town	Pastor out of town	Pastor on vacation
5 5 Epiphany <i>Sending of Eucharist Ministers</i> 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church Pastor on vacation The Martyrs of Japan, 1997	6 Pastor on vacation Philipp Jakob Spener, 1705	7 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 pm Music and Worship The Purification of Mary & the Presentation of Our Lord	8 10:00 am Morning Prayer	9	10 Pastor Off	11
12 6 Epiphany <i>Prayers for Healing</i> 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church Potluck 12:30 pm Confirmation Class	13 Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos	14 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 Church Council	15 9:00 am Sewing Group 10:00 am Morning Prayer Philemon & Onesimus	16 Philipp Melanchthon	17 Pastor Off	18
19 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church Fellowship after late service 12:30 pm Confirmation Class	20	21 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 pm Property Committee	22 ASH WEDNESDAY  7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 8:30 am PAL at HACC Polycarp, Martyr, 156	24 Pastor Off	25
26 1st Sunday of Lent 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church Fellowship after late service	27	28 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours				

BLUE—Renewers of the Church
 RED—Martyrs