



We are in the season of Epiphany and this Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord!

You can download the worship bulletin from our website (*starting Friday*) before connecting to the livestream.

[LCGS Youtube](#)

[LCGS Website](#)



Offering Envelopes for 2023

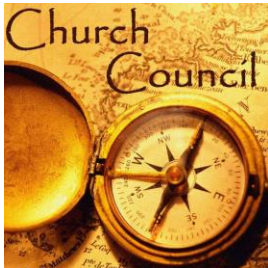
Offering Envelopes, for those that use them, are on order and should be available in the Narthex soon. In the meantime, please record your envelope number on any envelope when making your offering. A plain envelope or an offering envelope available in the pew pockets will work fine. If you would like a set of envelopes and haven't received them in the past, let [Rocky Barrow](#), financial secretary know and she will get you a set.



Christmas Undecorating Party - January 8th

Please plan to stay after the late worship service on **Sunday, January 8th** for a light lunch and Christmas undecorating. There is plenty to do for all ages! Meet in the Narthex

after 11:00 worship. Thank you for your help, Daneene Lucas, Visual Arts Chairperson.



Council Committee Team for 2023

Elections for President and Vice President of council were held at the December council meeting along with assigning new council members to a Mission Groups.

For 2023, Evelyn Spratt was elected President and Laura Runyeon was elected Vice-President and along with Pastor Alejandro and Pastor Bill they serve as the Executive Committee.

Mission Group Leaders can be reached at their council email addresses listed at the end of every Epistle (please give them a few days to transition and become acquainted with their new email system)

Christian Education - *Lisa Steel*

Congregational Life & Service - *Steve Starbuck*

Facilities Operation - *David Poust*

Finance, Legal & Operations - *Tina Zimmerman*

Outreach - *Gail Fricke*

Stewardship - *Daneene Lucas*

Worship and Music - *Dawn Hetzer*

Youth - *Matt Messick*

Lastly, **we now have a vacancy for council secretary** since Lisa Steel has joined the council. If you might be interested in filling this role which includes: attending all council meetings, recording the minutes, sending draft minutes for review and sending and tallying any e-votes, among other responsibilities, please contact Evelyn or Laura for more information.

The council is looking forward to continuing to work alongside our interim Pastors, Alejandro Mejia and Bill Gohl, as we strive to do the

work God has for us while preparing too for the call of our next Pastor. Please keep our council members and all of our leaders in prayer.

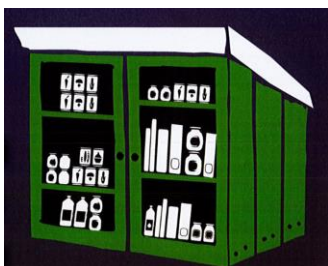
Lutheran Youth Organization Collection

Our High School youth attending the Synod RoadTrip retreat (see article below) will be assembling [Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits](#). You are invited to contribute the items listed below to assist in their preparing the most kits possible.

- 5oz bars of soap (individually wrapped)
- Sturdy combs
- adult sized toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- lightweight bath size towels, dark color if possible

A collection bin will be located in the Narthex on January 8th and 15th.

Thank you for your generosity, *Kendall Marx, LYO*



Little Free Pantry Dedication

There will be a dedication for our new ministry - Little Free Pantry - during worship on **January 8th**. The Free Pantry will be located in the front parking lot and will be self serve for anyone in need. Our hope is that our LCGS community AND the surrounding neighborhood will continue to support those with food insecurities by contributing non-perishable food or hygiene items to the pantry. **You can help get us started by bringing an item to worship on January 8th and placing it in the pantry in the Sanctuary.** Don't know what to bring? Pick up a second of your family's favorite food item!

Special thanks to Steve Jackson for building the pantry and Adam Steel for contributing supplies and painting and installing it!

WE NEED YOU

to make our new
church family photo
directory complete!

DIDN'T MAKE THE
PHOTO SESSIONS
AT CHURCH – YOU
CAN STILL SUBMIT
A DIGITAL PHOTO



HERE'S HOW:

Email a recent digital photo to:
officemanager@lcgselfca.org



PHOTO TIPS:

- Photos will be 1" size.
- Take photo as close up as possible
- Not blurry
- Plain background
- Good lighting

If you were unable to have your photo taken at church in November and December for our new church directory, it's not too late. You can still be included by submitting a digital photo of yourself or your family!

Here is what you need to do:

- 1- Take or find a high resolution digital photo. Final photos will only be about 1 inch. A close up of subjects with a plain background work best.
- 2- If you have college age or older children, you may submit their photo separately, they will be grouped with your family.
- 3- Email your photo with the first and last names of the individuals in the photo to Gina Miller at officemanager@lcgselfca.org by FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023.

If you have any questions, please email or call the church office at officemanager@lcgselfca.org, 410-838-8081.

Youth Sunday Planning at Youth Group this Month

Youth in grades 6 - 12 (and friends) are invited to youth group on **January 15th at 12:15 - 1:45 in the Youth Room**. We will begin planning for Youth Sunday Worship! Please sign up to contribute an item for lunch.



Contact [Mrs. Connie Charitonuk](#) with questions.

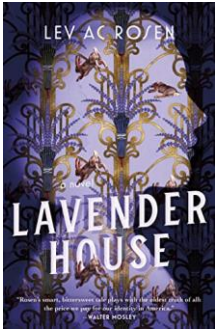
Lunch Sign-up



Summer Camp 2023: The Water of Life

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2

Mar-Lu-Ridge summer camp serves campers ages 6-17. Our American Camp Association accreditation means we offer the highest safety standards, background checks for staff, and quality programming for our campers. A variety of programs offer something for everyone: Night Owls, Adventure, Arts, Horseback and classic sessions are available. We also offer two Family Camp sessions. View the [schedule](#) or [apply for financial assistance](#) or visit our [website](#) to learn more!



Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag Book Club will next meet on February 2nd at 7:00 pm in Room 200 to discuss *The Lavender House* by Lev A.C. Rosen.

Lavender House, 1952: the family seat of recently deceased matriarch Irene Lamontaine, head of the famous Lamontaine soap empire. Irene's recipes for her signature scents are a well guarded secret—but it's not the only one behind these gates. This estate offers a unique freedom, where none of the residents or staff hide who they are. But to keep their secret, they've needed to keep others out. And now they're worried they're keeping a murderer in. Read more [here](#).

Read the book on your own and then join in for the discussion. All are welcome at the Brown Bag Book Club! Contact [Linda Ruese](#) or [Tricia Horst](#) with any questions.



New Year, New Opportunities

There are lots of opportunities to serve during worship. We invite you to consider how you might lend a hand in helping worship run smoothly as we are reminded that worship is something **we do together!** Altar Set-up and Servers, Assisting Ministers, Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Tech Crew, Acolytes and Crucifers are all needed for every worship service. You can choose to serve on a regular rotating schedule (*ie: usher every 2nd Sunday at 8:00*) or pick dates and roles that work for your schedule from the Sign-Up Genius (the link is listed below and is always on our website too)

Not sure what to do in a specific role? - we have your covered! Pastor Alejandro will lead a training/refresher after the late worship service on **January 22nd**.

Worship Assistant Sign-Up



Coffee Social Change

Starting January 8th, Coffee Socials will be held in the Narthex! This is an effort to extend welcome to those visiting or who may not know about the social over in Celebration Hall. There will be some seating for those who may need it but you can feel free to take your coffee and treats over to Celebration Hall if you prefer.

In order to continue holding socials, we need hosts and those willing to provide some treats each week. Please sign up if you can share hospitality with our community on Sundays!

Coffee Social Sign-Up



Deaths

William (Will) Schneider
December 23, 2022

New Members received in December

Kirsten Anke
David and Shari Grim

Music Fund

in memory of Dot Kraft
from Rocky Barrow, Missy & Mark Leppo

in memory of Elsie-Marie Niiler
from Susan Vezzetti

Stephens Ministry

in memory of Warren Hillstrom
from Barbara Hillstrom

Facilities

in memory of Dot Kraft
from Missy & Mark Leppo

Servanthood Fund

in memory of Dot Kraft
from Rocky Barrow

Peace by Piece Quilters

in memory of Dot Kraft
from Rocky Barrow

November Treasurer's Report

	November, 2022 4 weeks	Year-to-date, 2022	November, 2021 4 weeks	Year-to-date, 2021
Income	30,702.38	378,970.91	30,289.50	397,031.68
Expenses	(23,483.04)	(328,969.36)	(34,783.31)	(420,671.24)
Income-Expenses	7,219.34	50,001.55	(4,493.81)	(23,639.56)



Weekly Flower Sponsorship

Each week, there is an opportunity to sponsor the flowers that beautify our Sanctuary for worship. Arrangements come from Petals and Posies in Jarrettsville. You may do so to give Glory to God in response to a Celebration or to honor the memory of a loved one. The sponsorship information will be printed each week in the worship bulletin. Payment can be made through *eGiving* or check and

cost \$45 per arrangement. You can sign up by clicking the image button above or by contacting [Dawn](#) in the church office.

Questions? Contact flower chairperson, [Merle Fetzer](#).

3 WAYS TO GIVE TO GOOD SHEPHERD

give. grow imagine
GENEROUS GOD | GENEROUS PEOPLE

CHECK/CASH
PLACE YOUR GIFT IN THE OFFERING PLATE DURING WORSHIP OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

E-GIVING OPTIONS:

1. GIVE AT LCGSELCA.ORG
2. TEXT "Give" TO 410-673-4483
3. SCAN QR CODE

BILL PAY
THROUGH YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION



Need Prayers?

To add someone to the Prayer List, call the church office at 410-838-8081 or click the button to the left. Please give your name also so we can contact you for updates. To keep the prayer list current, we will keep persons on the list for 3 weeks unless directed otherwise. The list is distributed to prayer chain member who are committed to including those on the list in their personal daily prayers.

You can also request a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry to contact you for prayer.

Contact Information

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