



Thank you!!

Thank you to all who helped make Vacation Bible School a tremendous success. Whether you made brownies, served as a teacher, drove a bus (or both), worked in the kitchen, helped with crafts, or offered prayers, we thank you. This year's offering went to Faith Equestrian. The total donated was \$2500.

Financial Update

	6 Mo 2026	6 Mo Budget	6 Mo Avg 2025
Total Giving	\$64,972	\$81,000	\$ 70,460
Other Income	<u>\$3,544</u>	<u>\$ 2,758</u>	<u>\$ 3,395</u>
Receipts	68,516	\$ 83,758	\$ 73,855
Expenses	<u>56,863</u>	<u>\$ 71,065</u>	<u>\$ 80,214</u>
Receipts vs. Expenses	<u>11,652</u>	<u>\$ 12,693</u>	<u>\$ (6,359)</u>

Giving is below budget by \$2,671 per month, or almost 20%. More concerning is giving is below last year's average by \$915 per month.

Expenses are well below budget and last year's average primarily due to having interim and supply pastors. However as we pursue a call for a new pastor expenses will increase significantly.

Flower Chart Openings

We have openings on the flower chart for August 2nd and August 16th. If you would like to give flowers in honor or memory of someone, please send a phone or text message to the church office.
912-754-3915
jerusalemcl@gmail.com



Update on the Amphitheater

Progress! The new benches were put in on June 29th. Not progress. While working on the platform, it was discovered that more structural work will need to be done.

New Hymnals

New hymnals have been purchased and will be put into use soon. If you would like to give a hymnal in memory or honor of someone, please fill out a form and either place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.



Happy Birthday America!!

WELCA NEWS & AN INVITATION

WELCA will be sponsoring Lutheran World Relief School Kits for the months of July and August. This is a great opportunity to be involved as an entire congregation. Colorful backpack bags with list of items will be on the back table. When returned, each bag should contain all items on the list. A list with necessary items to complete a bag will also be in this SWAN. All bags must be returned by August 9th to the church. All Ladies and a guest are invited to attend a LUNCH OUT at the CRAB SHACK on Wednesday July 22nd. Please meet at Lisa Repasy's house at 10:00 AM for carpooling. Ask Lisa for directions to her house.

A New Way to Serve

A new way to serve is being created. It will be called the Shepherd program. This group will consist of "Shepherds" who will each have a "flock" to tend. Each flock will consist of both members we see regularly, those we see occasionally, and those we haven't heard from in a while. The shepherds will stay in touch with their flock, either by visiting, phone call, text, email, or whatever way works best for both the shepherd and the "sheep".

There will be a lead shepherd, who will in the event something needs to be passed to the members quickly, will contact the shepherds, who will in turn contact the members of his or her flock. This will help include members who don't have access to email or texts.

We especially need this now since we are without a full-time pastor. We must take care of each other. The number of members of the flock will depend on the number of people (guys or gals) we have volunteer as shepherds. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Sandy. 912-658-0868 or sandra55gibson@gmail.com



In our prayers

Members – **Carlene Coleman, Chip Lingle, Dianne Exley, Ed Lee, Fletcher Waldhour, Isabelle Shearouse, Jan Jovan, Johnnie Jordan, Marty Hendrix, Nell Kessler, Tim Filipowski, Virginia Spano**

Friends and Family:
Angie Arnsdorff, family of Mary Sue Kessler
Becky Malcolm, friend of Patsy Zeigler
Beverly Mullen, sister of Chip Lingle
Brantley Hart, son of Amy Hart
Brett Allen, grandson of Tommy and Kathy Allen
Bruce Peth, friend of Mary Sue Kessler
Emery Fennell – friend of Patsy and others
Hank Heller, relative of Jane and Ray Zeigler
Jay Walea – friend of Tracie Rahn
Krista Seckinger, relative and friend of several.
Linda Arnsdorff Murray, friend of Kathleen Wendelken
Peggy Exley Anderson, family of several
Robert Jovan – son of Jan Jovan
Stefanie Cole, niece of Lisa Repasy
Susan Waldhour, sister-in-law of Fletcher Waldhour & Carlene Coleman
Tucker Smith, child of the community

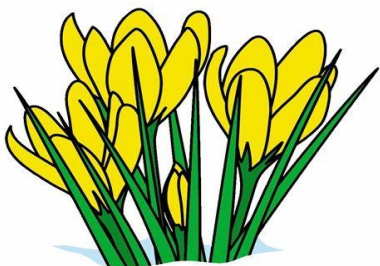
Please let Sandy know if anyone needs to be added or can be taken off the list.

Serving in the military, law enforcement & other responders
Christopher Zeigler, **Jack Thain, Kyle McCord, Morgan Milbrandt Brown, and Thomas Smith**

Communion Record Cards

Don't forget to fill out your communion record card. Here's why:

Voting members are confirmed members. Such members shall have communed and made a financial contribution of record four (4) times during the current or preceding church year. On financial or contractual matters, the voter must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.





The woman of Jerusalem will be going out to lunch on Wednesday, July 22nd to the Crab Shack. We will meet at 10 am at the home of Lisa Repasy. Any question? Ask Lisa or Kathleen.

SCHOOL KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER •

If you are looking to purchase backpacks, the preferred style is often used in the U.S. for youth to carry athletic equipment. Try your local sporting goods store or search online using the keywords, "buy drawstring backpacks." • Before purchasing backpacks, make sure they meet the size requirements (14" x 17") and General Assembly Instructions. You can download a list from our website of suppliers who have appropriate bags available for purchase in bulk. • Please give new items only. • Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name. • Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. • Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. • Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser
- ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

HOW TO PACK YOUR SCHOOL KITS

- Place ruler between notebooks. Place all items neatly into the bag and draw the drawstring together.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Stewardship Corner

"And I tell you that you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, ..." - Matthew 16:18



What is in a name? Simon son of Jonah became Peter the Rock. One is a person while the other is a foundation. Jesus certainly knew the difference and He knew what was needed to spread His message of love and forgiveness.

How about changing Stewardship Corner to Generosity Corner?

STEWARDSHIP is the responsible planning, management, and care of something entrusted to one's oversight. Christian Stewardship introduces gratitude for all that is given and a willingness to share.

GENEROSITY is the quality of being unselfish, characterized by a readiness and willingness to give time, money, resources or kindness to others, often expecting nothing in return. I think that this is a more appropriate definition for a ministry of Jerusalem Lutheran Church.



Live generously, my friends.



Social Ministry

Plans are being made to help with birthdays for the young men at the Treutlen House. If you have ideas on how this committee can help others, please let us know. Keep a watch for plans on God's Work, Our Hands which take place on September 13th.





Committee meeting: June 2nd. Members present—Clarence, Todd, Gill, Patsy—Completed insurance questionnaire, discussed side walkway from church to social hall, drainage field & Septic tank

Thank you to Todd & Gary for lawn care in June.

Gill & Patsy trimmed azaleas in front of church and cleaned up cuttings.

Update on amphitheater. Plan to begin June 29th on site.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Zeigler, Chair



**Who Have You Shared Your Faith With?
Who Have You Told About Jerusalem Church?**

The Evangelism Committee continues to work individually behind the scenes on the little things. We continue to seek ideas for sign placement. The web-site is continuing to come close to completion. We have secured a date to offer a LifeLine Screening event here on September the 23rd. In what ways might we serve our surrounding community? What are their needs? Do they even know we are here?

Special Events

Thank you to all who helped with the graduation reception for Enzo Monterro. Your help is always appreciated.



Worship and Music Notes



Have you noticed the beautiful Steinway grand piano in the sanctuary? It is a personal gift from Mr. Richard Kessler. We thank him for that generous gift and are blessed to have another beautiful instrument with which to praise our God. The other grand piano is now located in the Social Hall and we hope to use it for services, special events, and concerts. Both have been professionally tuned in their new locations. Your Worship and Music Committee has been very busy having our organ repaired and tuned as well. There are still upcoming repairs to be made. The Zimmer organ was installed in 1975. The temporary repairs will need to be addressed in the future. We are nearly finished with a Casual Service Worship Booklet to be used on special more casual occasions. The service format stays the same, but with new words and music. Stay tuned for its unveiling.



Mark Your Calendar!!

Back Pack Sunday
and
the annual Church Picnic

Sunday, August 9th

Students and Teachers bring your backpacks for a special blessing.

Following worship will be the annual Church Picnic at New Ebenezer.

Spread the word!!



Please bring favorite foods to go with hotdogs.

Come play pickle ball, basketball.

Bring your towels and sunscreen and come swim,

Bring friends!

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4  <i>Happy Birthday America</i>
5 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Worship	6	7 10 am Quilting	8 Manna House food dist	9 No WELCA meeting	10 No W/M meeting	11
12 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Worship	13	14 10 am Quilting	15 Manna House food dist	16	17	18
19 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Worship	20	21 10 am Quilting	22 10am WELCA out to lunch— meet at Lisa's	23	24 <i>Deadline for Swan</i>	25
26 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Worship Church council	27	28 11am Singing at Lakeview 12:30 Quilting	29 Manna House food dist	30	31	

July Birthdays

Kelsey Anderson	7-5
Patsy Zeigler	7-10
Kaylee Smith	7-10
Maddy Gibson	7-15
Tania Silver	7-15
James Hudson	7-17
Wyatt Thain	7-22
Andrew Wheble	7-26
Trenton Cole	7-28



Altar Flowers for July To the Glory of God and

July 5th—in memory of Chris Kessler by Nell Kessler

July 12th—in memory of Waring Exley by Trelene Metzger

July 19th—in celebration of the 16th birthday of Maddy Gibson and the 19th birthday of Kaylee Smith and in memory of Bill Gibson by Sandy Gibson



July Anniversaries

Jamie and Ronny Milbrandt	7-2
Betty Jean and Benny Ferguson	7-12
Mindy and Chris Gentry	7-21

July 26th—in memory of Woody Palmer by Margaret Palmer

Shut-ins and their addresses

Dianne Exley
728 Hwy 119S room 18
Springfield, GA 31329
912-657-3254

Johnnie Jordan
728 Hwy 119S room 7
Springfield, GA 31329
912-657-3154

Isabell Shearouse
728 Hwy 119S room 5
Springfield, Ga 31329
912-392-3188

Virginia Spano
South Breeze Senior Living
3168 Hacks Cros Rd
Memphis, Tn 38125

Think about this....

We need volunteers for communion prep or to be worship assistants. So maybe, instead of signing up for a month at a time, how about just a Sunday. Talk to Sandy.



Jerusalem Lutheran Church
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July 2026

Mission Statement

*Jerusalem is a community in Christ
whose mission and challenge as disciples is to:*

+Welcome all people

+Worship by celebrating the word and Sacraments

+Witness the Gospel through our sharing, loving, and service

With God's grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit,

May we be strengthened for this mission



Lector - Pat Conway
Communion Prep -
Worship Assistant-
Lock up - Sandy Gibson (worship/music)
Greeters— July 5th—Nate Lucero
July 12th—Gary Conway
July 19th—Kristy and Chuck Holmes
July 26th—Gary Conway

A Way to Help

Please don't forget to continue your support of Jerusalem's on going ministries while you are away. Use the new on-line portal as a way to contribute your tithes and offerings when you are out of town. Just click on the link

[HTTPS://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZWM0](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZWM0)

and follow the instructions.
If you need assistance please contact a member of your Stewardship Committee or let the church office know.

"Scan here to support the ongoing Ministry and Mission of Jerusalem Lutheran Church"

