

Jerusalem Lutheran Church
"The Swan"
October 2026



Singing at Lakeview

The 4th Tuesday of every month. 11am

October 27th
Novmeber24th
December 22nd

Mark your calendars and come help make a joyful noise with and for the residents at Lakeview. A good time is had by all.

Church Nursery

We are offering a nursery for children ages birth to 4 years. Parents are asked to bring their children to the nursery a few minutes before the service begins to leave contact information.

God's Work,
Our Hands

September 13th
after worship
we worked at
the Manna
House

We packaged
flatware to be placed in the Boxes of Hope.
The boxes will be given out on November
18th. We had a good time, lots of laughs,
took a tour, and got to practice counting to
10.



Treat Trail

Come help decorate and man the church's table. We will meet at Clarence E. Morgan complex gym at 10:30. They are recommending that each table have 3000 pieces of candy. If you would like to help either bringing candy (leave it in the wagon in the hall) or a donation to purchase candy, please see Kathleen or Sandy.

Thank you!!

Thank you to all who helped with any and everything for Heritage Day. The weather was wonderful. There was lots of love(bugs) in the air.



Stewardship Corner

"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God"

- Luke 9:62



t's Fall, y'all! This is when I have traditionally planned a Stewardship drive with special messages, devotionals, pledge cards and celebrations around serving and giving. Christian Stewardship, the commitment of our time, talent and treasure to furthering God's work, is important to the life of our congregation. We know this because we are on ground that we have plowed and re-plowed for many years, even centuries.

In the above verse, Jesus is telling us not to look back. Advancing His kingdom is dependent upon us finding new fields to plow. However these new fields may not look like our current field. We may need to go places that are unfamiliar with people that are not like us. These are like rocks and ditches in a new field that must be overcome, not unlike our ancestors did. The unknowns can be very concerning and take a lot of effort, and many of us are tired.

However we have no choice if we wish to continue as a vital congregation. A year and a half ago you received a letter from Council that basically said we grow or we die. Things have not changed. We are at a juncture in the life of our congregation. It is time to pull together and be bold in our actions and find new fields to plow.

Live generously, my friends.
Gary Conway -

A Music Note

Please let your Worship & Music Committee know what you think of our Casual Service Sundays.



What do you like?

- The service liturgy?
- The music?
- The casual dress?
- The potluck following?

Give us some input for future planning. Please drop a note in the Hymn box in the window or tell one of the committee members: Kathleen, Sandy, Carlene, Pat, Chip, Mary Sue, Lisa, or Jane.

Those in our prayers

Members – **Chip** Lingle, **Chuck** Holmes, **Dianne** Exley, **Ed** Lee, **Fletcher** Waldhour, **Jan** Jovan, **Johnnie** Jordan, **Marty** Hendrix, **Mary Sue** 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
Chuck Roberts—family of Mary Sue Kessler
Emery & Joyce Fennell – friend of Patsy & others
Hank Heller, relative of Jane and Ray Zeigler
Jay Walea – friend of Tracie Rahn
Krista Seckinger, relative & friend of several
Linda Arnsdorff Murray, friend of Kathleen Wendelken
Robert Jovan – son of Jan Jovan
Stefanie Cole, niece of Lisa Repasy
Susan Waldhour, sister-in-law of Fletcher Waldhour & Carlene Coleman
Veronica Howard, friend of Patsy Zeigler

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



Do you play the guitar? Please consider playing for one of the casual services.





Advertise, Engage, Minister

We are working hard at advertising through Face Book, Live Streaming the service, The Swan, E-Blasts, and activities. We will have a church booth for The Treat Trail, a booth at the County Fair, a float in the parade, an information table and church tours Oct. 17 & 18 with the Magnolia Grove Event and as always, word of mouth.

How can you ADVERTISE and share news about Jerusalem and spread the word of God?

Share services and activities on Facebook and word of mouth. It only takes a minute. Tell others we are here worshipping and active.

How are you ENGAGING in worship activities?

There are so many ways to become involved and engaged in the activities and ministries of Jerusalem.

Sunday Morning: You can sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Be a **GREETER**. Easy! Stand at the door, say, hello, and pass out bulletins. If you think they are a visitor, give them a visitor bag and have them sit with a member for help in the service. If you think you might not recognize a visitor, its ok. I've had to ask and made a mistake myself, but passing out bulletins is easy. Just sign up and start.

Prepare and clean up **Communion**. Again, easy with instruction. There are many folks to help train you and do it with you until you are confident. Sign up for a Sunday or a month. Let Sandy Gibson know if you need instructions.

Be a **Lector** for Sunday morning. Read the lessons and prayers. Again, we can walk you through that. Just ask Sign up for a Sunday or a month. Ask Lisa Repasy if you have any questions.

Join **Choir** and/or **Handbells**. The only requirement is that you love music. Handbell rehearsal is 4:00PM on Wednesday and Choir is 5:00PM on Wednesday.

Nursery On Demand. When we have young children in attendance, volunteer to assist with a nursery and Bible time. You will be helping someone else. See Carlene Coleman to be on the list to volunteer and help.



How are you ministering to others?

Come sew or tie quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Our Quilt Ministry is fun and easy. Everyone can tie even if you don't sew. See Jackie Gnann or Mary Sue Kessler to join the **Quilt Ministry**.

Come sing at **Lakeview Manor Community** in Springfield. We provide a short service with a hymn sing on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM. Lots of fellowship and love for the senior residents there. Talk to Kathleen Wendelken for more details.

Join **Manna House Ministries**. Many ways to serve. See Sandy Gibson for a volunteer application and ways to serve.

Immediate needs for our involvement in community events.

10/10 Saturday: The **Treat Trail** is held at the Clarence Morgan Complex Gym from 12:00 noon - 2:00. Jerusalem will have a decorated table to pass out candy to children and have literature available for parents. Set up time TBA. **Volunteer to man the table. Donate CANDY!!!!** Leave it in the brown wagon in the office hallway.

10/11 Sunday: We will meet at the fair grounds after worship to decorate the fair booth.

10/17 & 18 Saturday & Sunday: Magnolia Grove Event. We will have an information tent/table for Jerusalem in front of the church. We need volunteers to sit at the table and pass out information.
Saturday 10:00AM-6:00PM.
Sunday 1:00PM-5:00PM.

Volunteer for a time to man the tent/table. Sign up for a time slot on the back table.



10/19 Monday: Jerusalem will have a **float in the Fair Parade**. Parade line up begins at 4:30. We will Meet at Mary Sue Kessler's house to decorate the float at 2:30. Tom Coleman drive the tractor to pull the Hayride Wagon and we will ride. Some youth and folks will need to pass out candy. **Come decorate & ride.**

Have you signed up for an event to help or are you on a church committee? It takes ALL of us.

Total Giving	\$ 96,162	\$ 121,500	\$ 107,985
Other Income	\$ 5,720	\$ 4,137	\$ 5,340
Receipts	\$ 101,882	\$ 125,637	\$ 113,325
Expenses	\$ 81,544	\$ 106,583	\$ 126,263
Net	\$ 20,338	\$ 19,054	\$ (12,938)

Giving is below budget by \$2,815 per month, or almost 21%. More concerning is giving is below last year by \$1,314 per month. July was a very low giving month equal to the snow closure month of January in the previous year. 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 by \$100,000 or more.

Call Committee Update

The *Mission Sight Profile* is an extensive form to be filled out by the Call Committee. The survey that the congregation filled out at our meal has now been compiled and used to complete part of the *MSP*. It is in its final draft to be presented to Council and then sent to Synod.

Council has had extensive communication, including conference calls and Zoom sessions with Bishop Strickland and Assistant to the Bishop Matt Henning. The Synod is continuing to look for an interim, but there are not enough to fill positions within the Synod. In our discussions, it has been determined that the Synod and Jerusalem will best be served by a "Term Call." This would be a 3 year call of a full time pastor. The search will be for a pastor with experience in Mission Development. We have funds for those 3 years, but must all do our part to help the congregation grow, become more spiritually active, and be engaged in outreach. If we are no longer able to financially support a pastor at the end of that call, hard decisions will have to be made. **It is up to us ALL!**

Please continue to pray for your Council and Call Committee. Choose to step up to be even more active than you already are. Spread the word that we are here. Spread God's Word and Love.

Kathleen Wendelken, Vice Chair of Council



- Thanks to:** Gill, Clarence, Tommy, & Todd for cutting the grass and trimming shrubbery.
- Sherry & Patsy for cutting azaleas.
- Clarence for installing window unit air conditioner upstairs.
- Committee meeting: Sept 23, 2026
- Dyess technician gave evaluation on the ac systems in the old building to determine at which rate they should be replaced.
- Committee discussed getting drain lines and septic tank checked since the ground is caving in.



SAVE THE DATE: Plans are being made for an **amphitheater dedication** on **Sunday, November 15.**



Part 1 of the Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8th following worship. We will be electing new council member and other committee positions.

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Worship	5	6	7 8-10 Manna House 4:00 Bells 5:00 Choir	8 1:00 WELCA	9 9:30 Evange- lism 10:00 W/M committee	10 10:30 set up for Treat Trail 12-2 Treat Trail—Clarence Morgan gym
11 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Worship - bring a sack lunch—go set up fair booth	12	13	14 8-10 Manna House 4:00 Bells 5:00 Choir	15	16	17 Magnolia Grove 10-6
18 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Worship Magnolia Grove 1-5	19 2:30 a fair float 4:30 Line up for Fair Parade	20	21 8-10 Manna House 4:00 Bells 5:00 Choir	22	23	24
25 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Worship followed by Council Reformation	26	27	28 8-10 Manna House 4:00 Bells 5:00 Choir	29	30	31

October Birthdays

Trudie Scott	10-2
Serggio Montero	10-4
Gabrielle Anderson	10-8
Sami Spano	10-8
Corey Anderson	10-10
Trevor Cole	10-12
Jameson Silver	10-12
Gail Gnann	10-12
Sarah Chumley	10-15
Hagan Anderson	10-17
Blake Gibson	10-18
Cody Smith	10-20
Ryan Mizell	10-22
Mike Pilcher	10-26
Timothy Anderson	10-27



Altar Flowers for October To the Glory of God and

October 4th— in loving memory of Wesley Ward by Alice Ward

October 11th—in loving memory of Wade Gnann by Gail and Howard Gnann

October 18th— in celebration of Sarah Chumley’s birthday by Marty and Dave

October Anniversaries

Angie and Clarence Gnann	10-2
Kerrie and Jack Thain	10-4
Bunny and Steve Roberts	10-4
Angela and Chris Lord	10-12
Lisa and Bill Repasy	10-30



October 25th—in celebration of the birthdays of Cody Smith (12th) and Blake Gibson by Sandy Gibson

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

Geneice Milbrandt
111 Fairhaven Ct
Guyton, GA 31312

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



WELCA Meeting

WELCA will meet on Thursday, October 8 at 1:00 PM in the Social Hall. We will continue with our Bible study by Marty & Mary Sue and will do further planning for the Christmas Dinner on December 7th. Kathleen is the hostess.

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Volunteers for October

Lector - Sandy Gibson
Communion Prep - Tom and Carlene Coleman
Worship Assistant—
Lock up - Gary Conway
Greeters— 10/4—Gary Conway
 10/11
 10/18
 10/25
Yard work—

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"

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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