

# THE SJLC MINUTE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## March 2025

### SJLC CALENDAR

- March Lenten Supper
- 19 Midweek Lenten Worship
- March Highways & Byways
- 20 Feeding Ministry
- March 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 23 Worship  
Faith Formation  
\*Nursery  
\*Children ... Music, Lesson, Snack, and Craft  
\*Youth ... Games and Spiritual Gains  
\*Parents ... Coffee and Conversation  
\*Adults ... Bible Study of The Gospel of Luke  
Worship
- March Staff Meeting
- 24 APATT Feeding Ministry



### Lenten Wednesdays: *Walking Each Other Home!*

Wednesday evenings in Lent, we see the Lenten journey, not as a path we walk alone, but as one we share. March 19, and 26, as well as April 2 and 9, at 5:30pm, we will share a simple meal in the fellowship hall, then walk together to the sanctuary for a service of Compline (Night Prayer) at 6:30pm.

This is the same service Pastor John led weekly the first year of the pandemic, to help us stay connected in that time. This Lent, we will incorporate elements of labyrinth and prayer practices that engage the senses, to help us bring our whole selves, together, to God.

Additionally, we will use hymns — some familiar, some new — from our new hymnal, *All Creation Sings*, to deepen our prayer.

Banner painted by Jacqueline Conzemius, Laura Mallette, and Deb Johnson.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
2-28-2025

YTD actual income \$106,538  
 YTD budgeted income \$121,478  
 Variance **\$14,939** (income was less than budgeted)  
 YTD actual expenses \$112,380 YTD budgeted expenses \$117,064  
 Variance **\$4,684** (expenses were less than budgeted)  
 Variance income to expenses **\$5,842** expenses were more than income

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### Stepping Stones of Faith

## HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

If your elementary school-aged child is ready to receive Holy Communion instruction, please consider our Lenten instruction classes. The program concludes with a special Family Communion celebration, where each child receives a framed picture and a personalized communion set they create.

**3/26** 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Instruction in the Conference Room

**4/2** 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Instruction in the Conference Room

**4/5** 3:30 PM - Pottery Party at Liza Moz  
Dinner following at Tomato Head

**4/27** Family Communion Celebration  
at both Worship Services



March 5 - April 19, 2025

2025 Lenten Focus  
**40-40-40**  
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 TO BENEFIT:  
**Casa MILAGRO**  
 TRANSFORMING FUTURE LEADERS.  
 EMPOWERING WOMEN TODAY.

## B.E.E.R. MEETING

B.E.E.R. (Brothers Engaged in Enriching Relationships) will



meet on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:00 at Barrelhouse for some friendly chat and forgettable stories. Barrelhouse also serves non-alcoholic drinks and some pretty tasty food. If you've been on the fence about joining the fun, we encourage you to come along!

Contact Garry Menendez [menendez@utk.edu](mailto:menendez@utk.edu) or Matt Whitehead [mattwhitehead@gmail.com](mailto:mattwhitehead@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

## If you are considering a Lenten discipline, we invite you to join the 40-40-40 campaign.

This is a synod-wide focus on 40 days of: Daily Devotion, Daily Discipline and Daily Donation during Lent. Our donations will support MILAGRO, the Women's Center in Guatemala. Many of us have met Pastor Karen, Diego and Pastor Beatriz and are aware of the amazing and faithful work they are doing in Guatemala.

To join the 40-40-40 campaign and to access the daily Lenten devotions go to: <https://www.elca-ses.org/fortyforlent2025>  
 Questions? Thoughts? Excitement?! tact Nancy Friedrich.



## UKRAINIAN EGG MAKING CLASS

Back by very popular demand, Natasha Patchen is offering a bonus Lenten activity: Learning Pysanky! Pysanky is the beautiful art of making Ukrainian eggs.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 29, at 9:00 am and join us in the Sparks Fellowship Hall to enjoy time together being brave and curious!

You MUST RSVP to Natasha at (865) 922-4556 so she can prepare for the class with ample supplies. All supplies and eggs will be provided at no cost. However, if you'd like to contribute something, there will be a box for donations toward the cost of the supplies.

As always, activities like this are great opportunities to invite friends and enjoy learning something fun and new!

## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

*It is a time to recognize women's numerous contributions throughout history, while also looking forward to the trailblazing work being done by women today across all fields and industries.*

*This month, celebrate Women's History Month by embracing stories of female mentorship. No two people share the exact same experiences. It's stories of connection and relationships that fully portray what it means to participate in a positive mentorship. Through mentorship, we create connection, empathy, and*



BE OUR GUEST FOR  
**Pasta**  
 WITH A PURPOSE  
 Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction FOR  
**A PLACE AT THE TABLE KNOXVILLE**  
 St. John's Lutheran Church  
 644 N Broadway Knoxville TN 37917  
**SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 2025**

	Pasta Entree, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Drinks	5:00 to 7:30 pm Live Entertainment
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Tickets are \$20 adult, \$15 child under 12. Presale. \$25 and \$20 at the door.  
 PURCHASE TICKETS AT [WWW.APATTKNOX.COM](http://WWW.APATTKNOX.COM)

**A Place At The Table** prepares a hot meal for our unhoused community on Monday evenings here at St John's. The organization is seeking sponsorship or donations for our annual fund raiser and silent auction in order to raise funds to continue our 10-year tradition. The event will be held on Saturday, April 26 in the Sparks Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in sponsoring or donating to our silent auction contact [aplaceatthetableknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:aplaceatthetableknoxville@gmail.com) or Kris Hepler [khepler@ptpn.com](mailto:khepler@ptpn.com).