# 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.

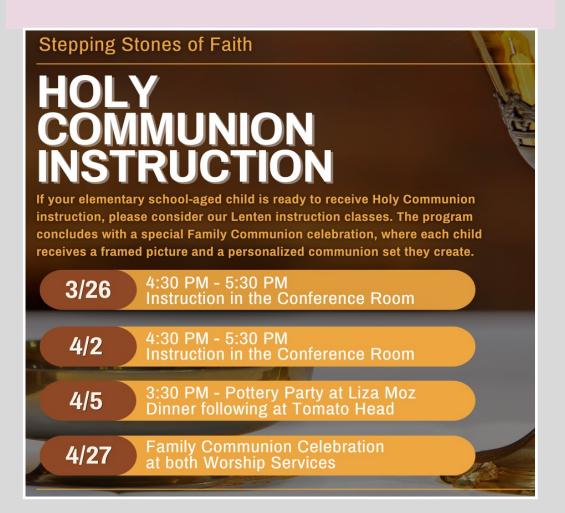
Additionally, we will use hymns — some familiar, some new — from our new hymnal, *All Creation Sings*, to deepen our prayer.

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

# FINANCIAL REPORT C2-28-2025

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

Please contact Heather Wallace at heatherbpwallace@gmail.com, 773-351-9143 or Debbie Sweany at doubledcs@yahoo.com, 423-921-4812 with any questions





#### 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.

## 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 or Matt Whitehead mattdwhitehead@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there!



#### 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

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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



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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

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 or Kris Hepler khepler@ptpn.com.