

Let's talk about communion since we will be making some changes in this area for our services. Holy Communion is one of the few sacraments of the Lutheran Church. It is a very important sacrament – one that brings us closer to Christ, one that reminds us of his sacrifice for us, one of the things he has commanded us to do to remember him. It reminds us that Christ died for the forgiveness of our sins. It is a reminder that we do not need to face punishment for those sins for he has already taken on our punishment. It is a reminder of the love that Christ has for each of us. It is renewing, refreshing, freeing.

So, we will begin celebrating communion on a weekly basis because, quite honestly, we need the love and life of Christ in our lives as often as possible. We will also be switching the bread for communion. The bread that we will begin using will be made by my wife and me fresh every Sunday morning before service. You may notice that each loaf is stamped with a bread stamp "IHS," which represents the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek. This bread stamp was purchased from a monastery in Germany, and we use it to show that this bread is specifically baked for Christ's supper.

All are welcome to come to the table to receive communion. It is our tradition that our children receive First Communion training before they begin receiving communion. This training explains what we are doing during communion, what it represents, what it means to each of us in our faith lives. If your children have not received First Communion training, they should come forward with their arms crossed and I will give them a blessing and then give them an animal cracker. They will not receive the bread or wine/grape juice until they go through First Communion Class. They will then "celebrate" their First Communion in a service and we make this event a special "right of passage" in their faith journeys including a very Lutheran reception afterwards.

If you believe your child is ready for First Communion, please see me or Diane, and we will schedule a First Communion class after service one Sunday. This class will last about 30-45 minutes and will include a hands-on Passover meal with discussion of the Last Supper in the kitchen, and then will conclude in the sanctuary with an explanation of the communion process.

Just a reminder for everyone that when you receive the bread or wine/juice, after the words "The body of Christ given for you" or "the blood of Christ shed for you," the appropriate response is "Amen!"

I look forward to our new journey together.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Jim

Special Worship

Second Saturday Evenings

AN OUTDOOR SERVICE HELD

IN THE SCHWARZWALD PAVILION!

JUNE 14 — JULY 12 — AUGUST 9

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF WORD

AND HOLY COMMUNION

ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH THIS SUMMER,

BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM

PASTOR JIM WILL LEAD WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, WE WILL THEN SHARE A MEAL

TOGETHER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT.



p Opportunities!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE SLC & ST. MARKS

SUNDAY, JULY 6TH AT 11:00 AM

(This will be in place of our regular worship service at Schwarzwald)

**Schwarzwald and St. Marks will join together
for this special outdoor service to be held at
the Daniel Boone Homestead!**

**Parking will be available
right next to the pavilion.**

A PICNIC WILL FOLLOW WORSHIP!

**Please bring chairs, your favorite beverage and
a covered dish to share.**

If you have lawn games, please bring them as well.

**This is a great opportunity for our church families to
get to know each other.**

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

.. **from** Janice Smithson—Thank you for the altar flowers and the many 90th birthday cards. Schwarzwald has been the only church I've ever known, and I've made a lot of church friends and for that I'm grateful. Thank you, God Bless.

.. **to** everyone who helped with the Easter decorating and the Easter services.

.. **to** Allison Correll, Tucker Erisman, Susan Johns, Sue McDevitt, Cindy Mohr, Pat Ruffner and Fay Weaver for preparing savory vegetable soup for New Journey soup kitchen and to the Quicks for delivering it.

.. **from** the Synod office—Thank you for your generous gift of \$12,000 in 2024 for Mission Support. I love serving on Synod Council because I get to see lives transformed through the work we do. God bless your ministry. Your partner in ministry, Dan Tobey.

.. **from** Pastors Amy and John Miller — Dear Friends at Schwarzwald, Thank you for your generous hospitality in hosting our granddaughter's baptism at Schwarzwald on Saturday, April 5. Emily is the infant daughter of our son David and his wife Meghan. We picked the location because of our fond memories of our years with you, but also because it made it possible for David's elderly grandparents to attend because it is not far from their home in Allentown. We had a lovely lunch in the Fellowship Hall afterward. We would also like to thank Diane Hafer for all her help before, during and after, Doris Jaeger for helping to set up the luncheon and the sextons for their work. Blessings to all of you in this joyous Easter Season.

.. **from** Property Committee—The committee wants to acknowledge the hard work of Jeremy Kerber, who took it upon himself to rebuild a small section of the stone retaining wall in the rear parking lot that collapsed last month. He did a fantastic job, and the restored section looks great! Thank you, Jeremy.

.. **from** Hope Rescue Mission—On behalf of over 1,500 men, women and children being served at HRM annually, we express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation. May you be blessed abundantly for your kindness and dedication to the cause of helping the unsheltered.

.. **from** Collin Grooms, Executive Director, Bear Creek Camp—What a Joy to spend time with you all and experience the love and grace being shared by your community! Thank you for your generosity in support of BCC. In this season of preparation, I can't wait to see your gift transformed into laughter and learning, worship and prayer, and supportive community. Hope to see many of you at Camp soon!

.. to Kevin Kennedy for overseeing the purchase and installation of the new tv in the choir room. Our kids love the upgraded technology!

.. to everyone who helped make Sunday School's Service Sunday a success. A special thanks goes to Shelley Fayewicz for delivering the care packages to the Tower Health pediatric hospital, and Doris Jaeger for delivering all of the birthday boxes to the Exeter Food Pantry. Our children did a great job completing these projects as well as putting together care packages for some of our SLC members, and making water bottles with inspirational Bible verse tags for community members in need.

"GATHERINGS"



Before Church in the Parlor!

Beginning Sunday, May 4th, (and all through the summer) the Fellowship

Committee will be providing coffee, drinks and snacks in the Parlor

BEFORE CHURCH.

Please come and socialize with your church family beginning at 10:15!

Church will begin at 10:45, so there is plenty of time to enjoy this new offering.

You can also stop in the Parlor after church!

SEE YOU THERE!

MAY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Melissa Crotty, Lila Gibson
- 2 Ashley Krommes
- 4 Christina Reinert, Nancy Hess-Smith
- 5 Gary Gilbert, Jay Houpp
- 6 Tyler Notario
- 7 Lisa Herbst
- 8 Cynthia Shollenberger
- 9 Mary Brickner, Haley Readinger
- 10 Susan Moyer
- 12 Caroline Obenski, Christy Schaeffer
- 13 Larry Houpp, Ashley Doll
- 14 Andrew Kent
- 15 Connie Harman, Dustin Readinger
- 16 Mark Phillips
- 17 Juliana Schaeffer, Patricia Weiser
- 18 Carol Burkhart, The Rev. Alex Kennedy, Samuel Leone,
Michael Himmelreich, Aspen Shaffer
- 19 Jeff Schmehl, Chase Cupitt, Melissa Thompson
- 20 Brayden Reinert, Penelope Zerwick
- 23 Amy McLeroy, Martin Weaver, Jr., Margaret Mirenda, Joshua Kerber
- 24 Kelsey Jackson
- 25 Dexter Kennedy, Ruthann Rutherford
- 26 Jamie Sgroi
- 27 Susan Johns, Jennifer Cataldi, Markus Jeschonnek
- 28 Courteney Keuscher, Brayden Karas
- 29 Stephen Herber, Melissa Kerber
- 31 Joel Hoover

If your birthday is in May
and is not listed here, please call the
church office,
610-779-3480, with your full birth date
M/D/Y. Thank you.

Security Update

As we mentioned in last months newsletter, a lot of time is currently being spent on determining the work needed to make Schwarzwald as safe as possible for our members, staff and visitors. It is still our intention to apply for the FEMA Non-Profit Security Grant in the fall and we are gathering the necessary estimates and drawings to submit with the application. The lighting and cameras will most likely use most of the grant money, if we are fortunate enough to secure the grant. There are several other issues that are of a more urgent nature and Council felt it was important to address those now.

The most urgent safety issue we have is the lack of security in the church office. The door and the windows along side of the door, could easily be broken and the door unlocked allowing entry into the office space. This leaves our staff completely vulnerable. Also the air conditioners (which are too small to cool the office) are not secured sufficiently to prevent them from being easily pushed in, allowing access through the windows. Once the office has been entered, the entire building is vulnerable.

At our April meeting, council approved moving forward with the following items:

1. Purchase a new air conditioner for the front window that is sized to cool the space. Secure it properly and upgrade the power supply for the unit. Move the air conditioner that is in the front window to the back conference room and make sure it is adequately secured.
2. Remove the current door and adjacent windows and replace them with an aluminum store front door with sidelights. The doors will include laminated security glass that cannot be broken by ordinary means. The door will be visually pleasing to the eye and is similar to the current door in appearance. The locks can be moved from the current door to the new one. No new keys will be needed at this time.
3. A Ring Camera will be installed outside the new office door, allowing our staff to communicate easily with any visitors before allowing them entry to the building.

The Memorial Fund will be easily able to cover the work outlined above. Once the door has been ordered, work should begin within 5-6 weeks.

There are several more items that we feel should be addressed in the months ahead and we will keep you informed on our progress.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any council member and we will gladly address your concerns.

Doris Jaeger
Council President.



V.B.S. 2025

Living Water

Acceptance of all God's Children and the importance of kindness for everyone.

Register by completing the form or by calling
the Church office at 610-779-3480.

Monday, June 9 –Friday, June 13

6:00-8:00 PM

**Dinner available each evening
at 5:30 PM**

LEARN ALL ABOUT

Noah's Ark—Genesis 6-9

Jesus's Baptism—Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:4-11, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jesus Walks on Water—Matthew 14:22-33

Women at the Well—John 4:5-42

Fruits of the Spirit —Galatians 4:5—42

V.B.S. Showcase on Friday, June 13 beginning at 7:00 PM.

An Ice Cream Social will complete the evening!

We will be collecting socks for Mary's Shelter— Holy Socks & Socks for Souls

Come join the fun.....stories, music, crafts, games and food!

Ages 4 and up!



V.B.S. 2025 Living Water

Monday, June 9 to Friday, June 13

Registration Form

NAMES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING

AGE/GRADE COMPLETED

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT NAME/NAMES: _____

WILL PARENTS BE HELPING AT V.B.S.? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (IF PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED)

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

PHONE: _____

ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

ANY OTHER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

THIS FORM CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAILED TO: administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org.

MAY

2025

CANCELLATION INFORMATION
 Please check your email,
 our website (www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org),
 Facebook page (Schwarzwald Lutheran Church),
 Channel 69 — WFMZ-TV Stormcenter,
 or our answering machine (610-779-3444).

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| <div>4</div> <div> <div>9:15am Adult SS Class (FH)</div> <div>9:15am Meet and Greet w/Pastor Blitch (CB / P)</div> <div>9:30am Sunday School (SS)</div> <div>10:15am Gathering (CB / P)</div> <div>10:45am Worship Service w/HC</div> <div>7:00pm AA meeting (SR)</div> </div> | <div>5</div> <div> <div>6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 1909 meeting (SS)</div> <div>6:00pm Girl Scout Troops 1867 & 11135 (FH)</div> <div>7:00pm AA mtg. (SR)</div> </div> | <div>6</div> <div> <div>10:00am Tuesday morning group / Bible Study (FH)</div> </div> | <div>7</div> <div> <div>7:00pm NA Meeting</div> </div> |
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| <div>18</div> <div> <div>9:15am Adult SS class (SS / FH)</div> <div>9:30am Sunday School (SS)</div> <div>10:15am Gathering (CB / P)</div> <div>10:45am Worship Service (S)</div> <div>12:00pm Confirmation Class (FH)</div> <div>7:00pm AA meeting (SR)</div> </div> | <div>19</div> <div> <div>6:00pm Girl Scout Troops 1867 & 11135 (FH)</div> <div>7:00pm AA mtg. (SR)</div> </div> | <div>20</div> <div> <div>ELECTION DAY (FH)</div> <div>10:00am Tuesday morning group / Bible Study. (CR)</div> </div> | <div>21</div> <div> <div>12:00pm Exeter Schools Admin. Bldg. (FH / S / CR)</div> <div>6:30pm Lions Club Meeting</div> <div>7:00pm NA Meeting</div> </div> |
| <div>25</div> <div> <div>10:15am Gathering (CB / P)</div> <div>10:45am Worship Service (S)</div> <div>7:00pm AA meeting (SR)</div> </div> | <div>26</div> <div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>MEMORIAL DAY</div> <div>7:00pm AA mtg. (SR)</div> </div> | <div>27</div> <div> <div>11:00am Prayer Group. (FH)</div> </div> | <div>28</div> <div> <div>7:00pm NA Meeting</div> </div> |

Key: **HC**—Holy Communion **FH**—Fellowship Hall **SR**—Scout Room **CR**—Choir Room **CB**—Coffee Room
EAB—Exeter Schools Admin. Bldg. **SS**—Sunday School room(s) **PL**—Parking Lot **LGI** - Large Gathering Room

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>ting (SR)</p> | 8 9:00am Breakfast Bunch (Breakfast Hut Rest.) | 9 | 10 |
| <p>Council (FH) ting (SR)</p> | 15 | 16 2:00pm Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAB) | 17 |
| <p>Senior Citizens ub meeting (FH) ting (SR)</p> | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| <p>ting (SR)</p> | 29 5:30pm Fellowship Hall in use - Girl Scouts (FH) | 30 1:00pm SCA Meeting (CO) | 31 PA SYNOD ASSEMBLY |

Fee Bar **PV**—Pavilion **S**—Sanctuary **P**—Parlor **N**—Narthex **K**—Kitchen **Z**—Zoom
 up Instruction Room **SCA**—Schwarzwald Cemetery Assoc. **YR**—Youth Room **CO**—Church Office

MUSIC MINISTRY SLC

MAY 2025



The choir season is winding down for the year and as usual we are looking toward summer talent and hymn requests. By this time, I believe most of you know that Schwarzwald has been very gracious and has granted me 8 weeks of unpaid leave during the summer to spend time at our new house in MN close to our two children and 5 grandchildren. Though I will certainly miss seeing my SLC family on a weekly basis, I will keep you close in prayer and thought and will return for services beginning August 17th. Tina Andrews who is the organist at St. Marks will be covering the services for me during my absence. I will work with her ahead of time to try to ensure a smooth transition. If you are able to participate in a service by sharing your talent during the offertory time, please use the sign-up sheet which I will post in the Narthex and be sure to introduce yourself to Tina ahead of time and let her know what you will require from her. If you have any hymn requests, please fill out the form below and either give it to me or to Diane prior to June 22nd. Many thanks to everyone for a wonderful year of musical experiences at Schwarzwald, and I look forward to many more exciting things ahead!

Kathy Snyder

.....cut.....

HYMN REQUESTS:

HYMN TITLE: _____ PAGE _____

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Christian Education Update



It is hard to believe that we are in our last month of this Sunday School year. What a year it was! As we wrap up our May events, let's remember all of the activities our Sunday School children and families participated in this year.

Rally Day

Trunk or Treat

Soup Making Sunday

Fall Event - Mindful Yoga & Clay on Main

Christmas Pageant

Christmas Cookie Celebration

Sunday School Breakfast

Mardi Gras/Lent Introduction

Service Sunday

Bear Creek Visitation

Palm Sunday Activities

Egg Hunt

Upcoming events include Mother's Day activities on May 11 and an end-of-year celebration on May 18. These activities are wonderful, but they pale in comparison to all the Christian and Biblical knowledge our children gained from their all-star teachers. Our SLC children are so blessed with support from our entire church family.

If you would like to be part of our Sunday School teaching team, please reach out to Crystal. All ages are welcome, and there are always multiple teachers in each class. We have an incredible core group of teachers which makes this a no-stress commitment! Promise!

Social Ministry Committee News and Notes

Our continuing series of charitable organization descriptions brings us to Mary's Shelter. Below, is a description of the programs available which was taken from their website.

Youth Services

Our youth programs are available for those aged 14-21 and serve to address the immediate concerns of young people living on the streets. Both programs offer a home-like atmosphere, counseling and referrals to outside services.

Our YESS (Youth Empowerment Support Services) Residential Program is a 21-day program and our STRONG Transitional Youth Housing Services program can extend up to 18 months.



Maternity & Family Services

Maternity services available to the women supported by Mary's Shelter include temporary housing, counseling, on-site classes and help with coordinating prenatal care, education, and housing.

Our Family Wellness program is available to families with newborns and/or children up to 3 years of age. Appointments can include counseling and community referrals, as well as assistance with diapers and other baby supplies.

Schwarzwald has been involved in supporting Mary's Shelter for quite some time. We have had various types of drives, such as collections of diapers, baby care items, and, in 2021, participating in a room decoration project in conjunction with the "Strong Program".

This year, we will be collecting:

Diapers (sizes 3,4,5, and 6), baby bottles (plastic 4 oz. and 8 oz.), baby lotion, baby nail clippers, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby wipes, nasal aspirators, bibs, teethingers, sippy cups, summer sleepers (size newborn to 12 months), and Onesies (sizes newborn to 12 months).

Please place your donations in the marked bin found in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!



DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church
is hosting
a special blood drive to save lives.

JOIN US TO DONATE BLOOD

JUNE 2ND - 14TH

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER

2745A Leisch's Bridge Road
Reading, PA

SCHEDULE YOUR BLOOD DONATION

Please scan the QR Code
or call **800-223-6667, ext. 2**
and mention **Group ID 8506**

***Be sure to include Group #8506 in the note
section when registering**



GIVEaPINT.org | 800-B-A-DONOR



THE JANET GRIESEMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to applicants (graduating high school seniors only) planning to continue their education beyond high school.

The applicant may attend any school district or be home-schooled.

Scholarship Application Process

The application, which has 4 questions to answer, may be obtained from the church office by calling or emailing.

The completed application, **along with your transcript**, must be returned by Friday, May 9, 2025, either by dropping it off at the church office, Attention: Scholarship Committee, or by e-mailing it to: administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org and placing "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.



YOUTH OPPORTUNITY THROUGH WBMD

This summer, West Berks Mission District will be offering an At Home Mission Trip from July 14th-16th for any youth 6th-12th grade. During these three days, youth from around our mission district are invited to spend their day in service, community, and connection, ending each day home with their family. Registration cost is \$20 to help cover a T-shirt and supplies for service activities. Congregations sending youth will be responsible to cover transportation for their youth and provide at least one adult chaperone. Registration opens May 8th!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristen Kelly at youthd@aelc.org.

Pastor David Blitch

OUR NEW "SUPER SUPPLY" PASTOR!

At our March meeting, Church Council unanimously approved the addition of Pastor David Blitch to our staff as a "Super Supply" Pastor. Pastor Blitch will be serving our congregation on the Sundays that Pastor Jim cannot be with us and will also be visiting our sick and shut-in members in the hospital and at home. He will also lead Bible Study on Tuesday mornings a few weeks each month. We have some other ideas on ways that he can enrich our experience here at SLC and we are extremely excited to have him join us. Pastor Blitch has served the Lutheran Church his entire career, retiring a short while ago. After taking a short break, he returned to service as a Supply Pastor. He resides in the Maidencreek area.

PASTOR BLITCH WILL BE AT SLC ON SUNDAY, MAY 4TH BEGINNING AT 9:15 AM.

HE WILL BE IN THE PARLOR THROUGHOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DURING THE FELLOWSHIP TIME

FROM 10:15—10:45. WE WILL INTRODUCE HIM IN CHURCH THAT MORNING.

PLEASE STOP IN THE PARLOR AND EXTEND A WELCOME TO PASTOR BLITCH!

Free R-Phils Tickets — For the game on Friday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. Please help yourself to these free tickets located in the Narthex.



**The Brownie Troop #1867 is collecting
empty drink cans as a
recycling fundraiser for their troop.**

**Please help them out and bring your empties to church.
A box is provided in the narthex for the can collection.
(You can also pull the tabs off and place them in the can tab collection!)**

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every other Tuesday at 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. The May dates are the 13th and 27th. Please contact Joanne Rutherford for additional information at 610-406-9355 or jmr14290@gmail.com.



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (March meeting)

Council Officers: Doris Jaeger, President
Chris Thompson, Vice President
Scot Griesemer, Treasurer
Chuck Heydt, Corporate Secretary



Treasurer's Report

The February disbursements were reviewed and approved by the committee. The 2025 budget is now in the computer system.

We rolled over the first in a sequence of CDs – one was rolled over for 11 months at Members 1st. Another will be a CD with Edward Jones rolled over in a ladder sequence. The JPMorgan money market account CD will come to maturity in June. We earned \$6,700 in interest from the Members 1st CD.

The envelope giving is about \$1500 to \$2000 ahead.

Old Business

Security update: Chuck Heydt – Thank you to Diane and Kevin for all their help. A meeting was held with Det. DeCamillo of the Exeter Township Police Department last week. There will be a meeting with Matt Hathaway at the Jacksonwald Elementary School next Monday at 2:30. Having this interface with the school should be helpful for the grant application. The grant application time line has been moved to the Fall. We need 3 bids for everything so this extended time will be most helpful. The report from Homeland Security has been received. They suggest we have 3 cameras downstairs and locks on all the classroom doors. Also, upgrade our outside lighting, and replace and improve the church office door/entrance. They said our weakest point is the office entrance. Suggestion to make the Scout Room door alarmed and make the upstairs ladies' room a unisex bathroom.

The special collection for Kailey and Kyle Batzel totaled \$660 plus money given by council.

Synod Assembly – Sarah Gibson is going but Rochelle Chelius is not

New Business

Pastor Jim wants to have a “Blue Service” here for fallen police/ firefighters/ first responders.

Audit Committee – Bill Jaeger, Bob Darlington and Sue Bryant.

Pastor Jim is unable to provide certain functions -- 7 Sundays, plus Christmas, Easter, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and hospital and home visitations. Doris reached out to Pastor David Blitch. Doris met with him along with our Executive Committee. He is willing to fill in the gaps and also do some of the Bible Studies. He was excited to be here and liked it here. We will set up a contract with an hourly rate. It was discussed to offer \$40 per hour. Our Call will remain in place.

Pr. Fox is now Interim Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran, Fleetwood.
 Visitor's welcome bags – Diane visited the NorthStar United Methodist Church for her granddaughter's Girl Scout Event. Upon arrival, she was given a personal warm welcome by a church member and a welcome bag. It was a very nice gesture with gifts and lots of information. We will ask our Evangelism Committee if they want to take something like this on and move ahead with it.
 Celebrations and birthdays - How do we feel as a council that attention is drawn to some people and not others? After discussion, any suggestions to have a "card shower" etc., must come from an individual and be stated as such in the notice.
 Social Ministry Committee will prepare a meal for AmeriCorps.

Budget Information

Monthly totals (March)

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| Budgeted Income | \$20,192 | (Current envelopes) |
| Actual Income | \$19,518 | (Current envelopes) |
| Budgeted Expenses | \$28,154 | (Amount includes a full-time pastor salary) |
| Actual Expenses | \$17,987 | |

LOST AND FOUND

The following items are in the Lost and Found box in the church office.
 Please call the office to claim your items. Any items not claimed will be donated.

Articles of clothing

Gray Nike® hoodie XL
 Black furry jacket XXL
 Teal fleece jacket kids M
 Black cardigan S
 Blue pajama set kids M
 Black blazer 14
 Green flannel lined jacket kids 7-8
 Black Halloween mask
 Black and gray stretch cap
 Navy blue stretch cap
 Gray cloth headband

Jewelry

Gold hoop earring w/amber beads
 White cross friendship bracelet
 Red rose/CZ 3" earring
 Silver heart earring (non pierced)
 Silver large tear drop earring

Miscellaneous items

Light brown umbrella
 Charlie Brown® cup w/lid
 Owala® cup w/lid
 Waterproof camera
 Sketch notebook (Charlie K)
 Cricket® cell phone
 Pink, beaded small purse
 Eyeglasses— "readers" 5 pair
 Sunglasses
 Blue and yellow illustration markers
 Rum raisin lipstick
 USBC key ring with key
 Multi colored beaded key ring

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Join our family, share God's love.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pulpit and Pew

MAY 2025