



The Cent-I-Gram

Centennial Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kimberton, PA 19442

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Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 AM

Worship services are live-streamed and recorded for those who are not comfortable or able to attend in-person worship.

Midweek Lenten Worship

The Muhlenberg Parish Plus "Dinner Church"

From 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

See page 9 for schedule

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 PM

Good Friday, April 3 at 7 PM

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Sunday Worship 9:30 A.M. 610-933-1528

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March 2026

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The word “March”, as in our month, derives from the Latin *Martius*, named for the Roman god of war, Mars (originally Ares in Greek mythology). In fact, “March” on the Roman Calendar (at least dating to circa 2nd century BCE) traditionally signaled the start of the empire’s military campaigns. The warmer climate and agreeable weather conditions of spring led emperors such as Julius Ceaser, Caligula, and Marcus Aurelius (among others) to use this month to both logistically and ceremonially begin great campaigns of conquest.

Even the word “March” begets the vision of armies stamping in unison across the land. We uplift and pray for our veterans and active military, but it is hard to think of images of war amid Lent. Lent is meant to be a discerning, prayerful time. It is a pilgrimage of small “baby steps” made carefully and peacefully.

Yet amid our attempts to be contemplative pilgrims, we are beset with rumors of war and the winds of conflict blowing in from all sides. The continuing conflicts in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel and elsewhere. The military action being taken in Iran and its fallout affecting US military bases around the Middle East. The clashes of protestors and officials in our own country. Even the celebration of our country’s 250th anniversary reminds us that we are descended from a movement of violent rebellion to achieve Independence.

How then do we “march” in peace through this Lenten season, when the drums of war seem to be beating in the news, our backyards, and in our own historical memory?

That was the question I clung to, like a piece of flotsam in a maelstrom, swirling amid my head and within my prayers. During this time, I recalled a refrain from a hymn of my ordination service, *Come, We That Love the Lord* by Issac Watts:

***We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.***

In this time of March, despite everything that happens around us, when we hold grace and love in our hearts, we know with confidence our hearts are marching to a beautiful city of God in heaven and an inevitable heaven on earth.

In the face of the marching feet of violence, the scripture of Isaiah 2:4 teaches us that the greatest future we look forward to is the one where we beat our swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Where nations cease fighting and wars are over. That is the future our spirits are called to march to.

I believe our discipleship calls us to march with love that works only to beget love (John 13:34, Luke 6:27, Mark 12:31, Matthew 22:39). Spreading the marching grace of the Gospel of Love in opposition to all forms of marching violence and terror.

That is done through community action, study of scripture, prayerful discernment, supporting those who feel fallen or fearful, and speaking against violence in all its forms. Essentially, joining an assembly of loving saints in that great style of the hymn *When the Saints Go Marching In!*

When our feet of love, laced up in the Sandals of Gospel Peace (Ephesians 6:15), go forward, those steps march in a joyful noise (Psalm 95:1-2) that will drown out the marching feet of destruction and invite everyone to join our merry parade.

Let this March, this Lent, this coming Spring, be a time where we find strength and grace to conquer violence in the example of Jesus Christ who marched boldly to the cross to die for us all. Let us resist terror and destruction, and work in our small and big ways to make this March a heavenly one for our neighbors and the world.

Amen

Centennial OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12 - 3

Tuesday 9 - 2

Thursday 9 - 2

Kathy will be on vacation March 9-13

Beth Wise will be here Mon. and Thurs. afternoon

MARCH

- 10 Deanna Kalmbach
- 13 Chuck Cantwell
- 17 Jan Bird
- 22 John Lawrence Genter
- 30 Barbara Ray



Zephaniah 3:17 –

“¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.”



MARCH SCHEDULE

- 1 Dave Winning
- 8 Rick Henricks
- 15 Larry Shumaker
- 22 Kathy Geiger
- 29 Harry Gladfelter, Palm Sunday



Prayer List

To request prayer, first ***request permission from the individual in need of prayer*** (as requested by our Synod). Then you may send an email to prayers@centenniallutheran.org or call Jerene Gladfelter at 610-933-3542 or the church office at 610-933-1528. Please list the individual's name and a BRIEF description of the situation (i.e. chemo, dementia, auto accident, comfort and peace, etc.) along with the name of the requester and association (brother, co-worker, friend, etc.). Please also advise us when a prayer request is no longer valid. Printed prayer lists are issued at the beginning of each month as a bulletin insert. Please update us by the 25th of each month to ensure that your request is listed.

In addition, there is an email list of individuals desiring to be on the Prayer Chain to receive immediate prayer requests other than those listed monthly. If you wish to be included on this email list, please contact Jerene (610-933-3542) or the church office (610-933-1528) with your email address or telephone number.

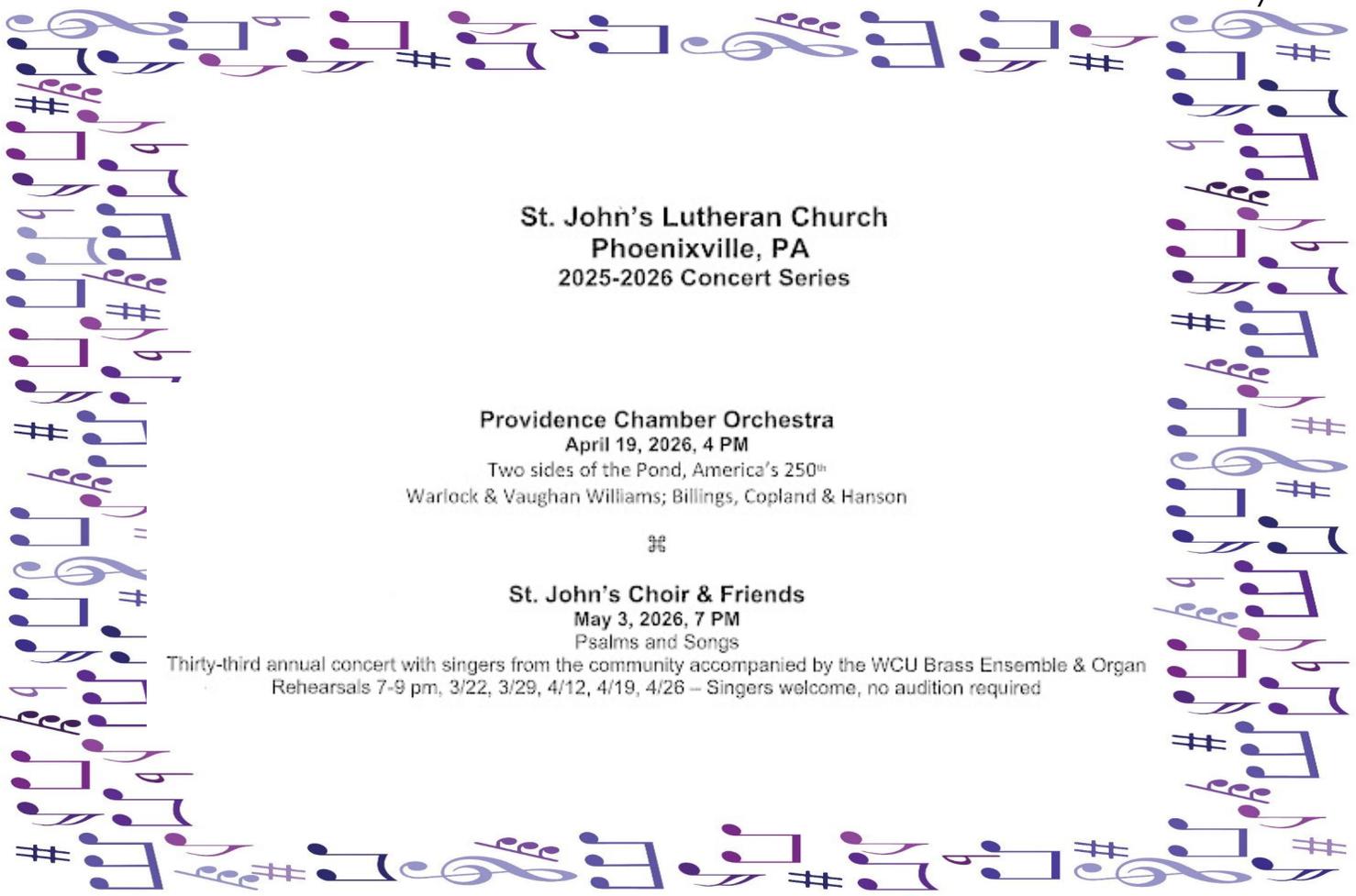
Live Stream Worship Services

We have been live streaming the worship service on Centennial's Face Book page. This is available for you if you are not feeling well, or the weather is inclement or if you are traveling. You are still able to worship with us – in real time. Feel free to set aside bread, crackers, wine or grape juice to join with us at the time of Holy Communion. The service can be found on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/CentennialELCA>

Pastoral Care

If anyone wants to have pastoral conversation with Pastor Ian you can do so by calling the office at 610-933-1528 or by emailing his at pastorianclements@gmail.com.

Conversation may take place in-person, on the phone, or via zoom chat depending on what works best for you.

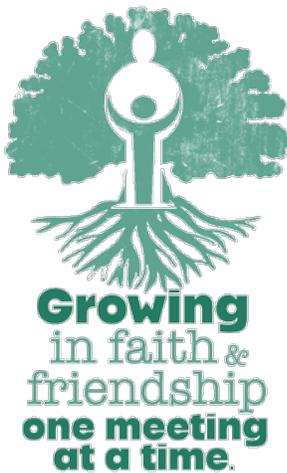


St. John's Lutheran Church
Phoenixville, PA
2025-2026 Concert Series

Providence Chamber Orchestra
April 19, 2026, 4 PM
Two sides of the Pond, America's 250th
Warlock & Vaughan Williams; Billings, Copland & Hanson



St. John's Choir & Friends
May 3, 2026, 7 PM
Psalms and Songs
Thirty-third annual concert with singers from the community accompanied by the WCU Brass Ensemble & Organ
Rehearsals 7-9 pm, 3/22, 3/29, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26 – Singers welcome, no audition required



Bible Study
Every Tuesday at 1:30 at
Centennial

All are welcome!

Tune into Facebook or email
for possible cancellations

Now available by ZOOM – join us



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR
2 AM MARCH 8TH**



St. Mary's Meals

We will be providing meals
March 23 – 27, 2026
See Beth Wise for details.





Muhlenberg Parish
The Lutheran Congregations of
the Greater Phoenixville Area
NEWS

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

“Dinner Church”

6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM

March 4 – St. John’s Lutheran Church

355 St. John’s Circle, Phoenixville

March 11 – Zion Lutheran

39 Bonnie Brae Rd., Spring City

March 18 – First Presbyterian of Phoenixville

145 South Main St., Phoenixville

March 25 – Centennial Lutheran Church

1330 Hares Hill Rd., Kimberton

Easter Vigils

St. John’s Phoenixville – Saturday, April 4, 2026 7:30-8:30 PM

St. Peter’s Chester Springs – All day Saturday, April 4, 2026

Easter Egg Hunt



- **March 28, 2026**

- **9:30 am**

Children ages 1-10 are welcome to join us for **St. John's** annual Easter egg hunt. Use the link below to sign up for the hunt and/or volunteer to help. You can also email Kelly at kmgandbac@hotmail.com.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDtBCJHz6_NJ3eDr2YihvLQCcQ4KZ93HuWYo2EMne2sEbVgw/viewform

MUHLENBERG PARISH EVENT

Hello!

Zion Youth Group is hosting an outing to the Reading Royals on March 14th – below you'll find the link to grab tickets! We have a ticket block, so we'll all be seated together in Section 110, but you'll be able to pick what Row you'd prefer.

Other Parish Churches: could you share this information with your congregations? Thanks!

[Zion Lutheran Church of Spring City](#) < link for Royals tix.

Thanks so much, hope to see you at the rink!

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WELCA Retreat

- **April 11, 2026**
At St. John's Phoenixville
- **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*



Among the many thousands of hymns, “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” holds a tender place in the hearts of many believers. We live in a world of distractions, disappointments, discouragements, and anxiety about the future. It is so easy to become overwhelmed, lose our focus and take our eyes off of Jesus who promises us hope and peace amidst life’s many challenges.

Turning our eyes upon Jesus is a way of life for us, as His followers. By fixing our gaze on Him, trusting in His guidance, seeking His Kingdom first and walking in love, we can navigate life’s journey with purpose and resilience.

This year’s retreat, “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus,” will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2026. It begins with coffee and fellowship at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. **The cost is \$20. We welcome back Rev. Kris Peterson as our retreat leader. To register please call Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947, ext. 2.** If you have any questions please contact Linda Landis. This retreat is limited to 24 participants.

You are invited to bring an object that represents Jesus’ love for you.



Tuesday, April 14, 2026

12:00 – 5:00 PM

Centennial Church Luther Hall

Register to give online at:

www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time

*Contact Dave Winning with any questions
(610-220-2189 or dsw43@aol.com)*

Calling all Ajibola fans



Ajibola Rivers has released the first of his suites for solo cello (Suite No 1 in G Major). It is available in CD and also in digital form via music streaming services. The following is where the music can be found:

Order CD via Ajibola's web store:

<https://www.ariversarts.com/category/all-products>

Access Ajibola's music on streaming

services: <https://music.imusician.pro/a/qd29Wrf0>

Centennial Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
January 13, 2026

In Person: Christine Holmes, Rick Henricks, Harry Gladfelter, Sam Kuhl, John Miller, Makinzie Ackroyd, Karen Winning, Pastor Clements

Via Zoom: Randy Ferree, Dennis Ray, Fred Stoudt

The December 23, 2025 was previously rescheduled for January 13, 2026.

Harry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pastor Ian opened with a story from scripture and a prayer.

The minutes for the November 25, 2025 council meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report: See the attached pastor's report.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- The Annual Meeting will be held on February 15, 2026. All reports need to be submitted in January.
- The slate for Church Council elections is Dave Winning, Christine Holmes, and Makinzie Ackroyd.
- The new AV equipment was approved and purchased. We are awaiting its arrival.
- Interns from the Chester County Technical School will help with the utilization of our new AV equipment and will also help with outreach through social media.
- Harry made a motion to offer Pastor Clements a full-time position. Rick seconded. Church Council approved. This will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting.
- Council voted to approve changing the two locks to the church secretary's office for security reasons.
- Pastor Clements reached out to the Phoenixville Quakers with ties to Kimberton. They are interested in working with us.
- Dennis will contact the East Pikeland Police Department to inquire about intruder preparedness.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- The Mutual Ministry Committee will meet in early 2026. The members are Pastor Clements, Heather Haloka, Barbara Ray, Reggie Ryberg, Ava Zinno, and Jessica Yothers.
- Upgrades to the Verizon phone system were put on hold. The current system is not affecting the day-to-day work of our church.

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- We have a renter for one of the empty rooms in the education wing. For now, we are asking for predictable days and times in advance. It will serve as a prototype for possibly renting out other rooms.

TEAM REPORTS:

Finance:

- We are finishing the year in a financially strong position.
- Rick will have a proposed budget ready two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

Property:

- The elevator certificate issued on 12/31/2020 should arrive soon.
- The refrigerator is freezing things again. Dennis will check it out and call for repairs.
- Three broken windows in the education wing were replaced.

Music and Worship: The piano in the choir room can no longer be tuned. It is being replaced by a digital, Yamaha piano that will arrive in two weeks. It will have a regular, full-size keyboard.

Technology: We are awaiting the arrival of the new AV equipment. Upgrades can be made in the future.

Muhlenberg Parish:

- There will be a Potluck and Trivia Night on Saturday, January 24th at 6:00 PM at St. John's in Phoenixville. Watch for details.
- On April 25th there will be a Flea Market at Zion Lutheran of Spring City, in the parking lot. More details to come.

Congregational Life and Hospitality: The Congregational Meeting will be on February 15th. There will be food after the meeting.

Missions: The Annual Report will let us know what is in store for 2026.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Winning

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