

JACOB'S LADDER

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*PURPOSE: To keep the members and friends of Jacob's Church informed of the ministries and happenings at our church and in the surrounding community to be **The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ***

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THE PASTOR EPISTLE

“JESUS AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL”

In his sermon *Easter Through the Eyes of God*, John MacArthur points out, “Even the most glorious sunset, when gazed at long enough, will eventually lose its appeal. The scenery becomes so familiar that the senses grow dull to its vivid color and beauty. The scenery doesn’t need changing--only your perspective. Such is the case with Easter. Our modern eyes have gazed on the wonderful story for so long that we’ve lost our appreciation for its richness. What’s worse, we’ve missed the real story--the forces at work behind the scenes that make the crucifixion and resurrection defining moments for all mankind.”

As we find ourselves celebrating another Easter season, I find, we often become so busy that we truly don’t take the time to appreciate what Easter is all about. It isn’t about the eggs, the bunny, or the candy. It is about Jesus Christ. As Galatians 3:13 tells us,

**Who redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,
for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”**

Jesus was the only means of redemption because he was without blemish, without sin. So, he became our penal substitution and went to the cross in our place to be slaughtered as a lamb. It was through his shed blood that the sins of the world were covered.

This great act of mercy that Jesus showed to us made it seem like Satan had won. However, three days later Jesus rose from the tomb. He showed that even though he suffered and died, it was Satan who ultimately lost in the end.

This act of grace would then open our way to live eternally with God. As John 14:6 says,

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

So, as we celebrate Easter this year, let’s change our perspective in order that the Easter story doesn’t become just another tradition. Instead, let’s truly celebrate with songs of praise and worship because God had a plan from the beginning of time, and that plan culminated through His Son Jesus Christ who saved us all.

God Bless You, Pastor Schlegel

JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Attendance: Interim Paster Schlegel
 Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler
 Deacons: Jared Hermany, Solomon Johri, Kaitey Sacks
 Treasurer: Dave Follweiler
 Visitors: Tina Bailey, Randy Biggs, Brett Biggs, Faye Foulk, Brooke Mitman

1. Interim Pastor Schlegel opened in prayer.
2. Brooke Mitman with Nehemiah Redevelopment – Brooke has made an offer to help in restoring/preserving the schoolhouse in regards to project planning and finance. Board agreed to allow a month for a formal proposal to be made and considered. Matter will be revisited at March board meeting.
3. Randy & Brett Biggs – Discussed the church’s portfolio summary reviewing investments over the past two years.
4. Property Committee – Jared reports he is working on getting estimate for paint and plaster work on the Wuchter house and other various projects.
5. Youth Group – Tad reports that Sidewalk Sunday School was not held in the month of January due to weather, but will resume on Wednesdays for the month of February. Youth Group did not meet for the month of January. Young Adults did meet for the month of January; have finished The American Gospel: Christ Crucified series and will be starting a new series for the month of February.
6. Website/Social Media/Podcast – Tad reports website and social media is up to date. Internet has been hardwired for streaming services, but there are still issues. Ron will contact tech professional to come inspect other possible issues.
7. Pulpit Committee – Ron reports there are 20 applications that have been received. Committee will meet on February 13th to discuss reviewing applications.
8. Music Director Committee – Ron reports that ads for the position have been posted. There are not currently any applications. A motion was made by Mike F. to offer pay for praise and worship substitutes. Motion seconded by Solomon. Motion carried.
9. Revelations Video Showing – Board discussed reconfiguring church service for the next three weeks to allow time to show video.
10. Member Wellness Committee – Ron reports that cards are being sent out.
11. Pastor Topics - Little Lambs appreciation day will be held March 27th. Gideon presentation set for March 20th. Tad requested consideration for donating fastnachts sales to family in New Tripoli whom recently suffered a fire loss. Ron will reach out to kitchen committee to discuss details. Tad received a request of transfer. Quinten Bernhard sent in a request to transfer to New Life Church of New Tripoli. Motion was made by Solomon and seconded by Jared to approve transfer; motion carried.
12. Treasurer’s Report – January 2022 Meeting Balance \$20,149.37

Income	\$24,993.16
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00
Expenses	\$28,381.73
February 2022 Meeting Balance	\$36,760.80

A motion was made to accept Treasurer’s Report as read by Solomon; seconded by Kaitey; motion carried.
13. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to accept December’s meeting minutes as read by Jared; seconded by Mike F.; motion carried.
14. Next Board Meeting will be held on March 7th 2022.
15. Interim Pastor Schlegel offered a closing prayer.
16. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jared; seconded by Solomon; motion carried.

Recorded and Submitted by Kaitey Sacks

Next Jacob’s Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, April 4, 2022
Next Jacob’s Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, April 11, 2022

At our December 5, 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$3,956.00 per week in order to meet our 2022 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in February 2022:

February 6	\$4,318.00
February 13	\$2,302.00
February 20	\$5,210.48
February 27	\$2,512.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-February	\$35,604.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-February	\$30,836.81
Deficit for February 2022	\$ 4,767.19

Jacob's Church Commitments for April.... THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

Greeters/Ushers for April

April 3 Carolyn and Gary Krick
Joan and Richard Oswald

April 10 Jacob's Church Board

April 17 Jacob's Church Board

April 24 Jacob's Confirmation Class

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Puppet Ministry
Sunday, April 3, 2022
 Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer
Sunday, April 24, 2022
 Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald



April Acolyte
 Tucker Wessner

Flowers for April

April 3 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

April 10 In memory of Ruth Nester and the 90th Birthday of Paul Nester

April 17 Easter Flowers

April 24 Brenda and Earl Phillips 15th Wedding Anniversary

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Congratulations and Best Wishes to the following couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in April:

*Steven and Christina Follweiler
Stephen and Laura Hayes
Roy and Ruthanne Kunkel
Morin and Marla Nomura
Earl and Brenda Phillips*

*Brian and Jody Reinert
Michael and Leann Sacks
Cleon and Cindy Schmoyer
Robert and Susan Stufflet
William and Carol Van Tol*

WINTER COMMUNION WAS SERVED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Betsy Hauser, Rhonda Lindahl, Lester Lutz, Karen & Ray Moyer, Shirley Ruppert, Hermie Schappell, and Ethel Yezik.

Mourning the Loss Of...

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away, Revelation 21:4

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Howard J. Snyder, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, February 25, 2022 at the age of 82-10-16. Howard is survived by his wife, Carol (Baer), his sister, Sandra Snyder, his brother and sister-in-law, Carson and Judy (Schappell) Baer and his nephew, Josh Hemsley, and his niece, Leann (Roth) Shoemaker, and their families, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from the Jacob's Church Family.

Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

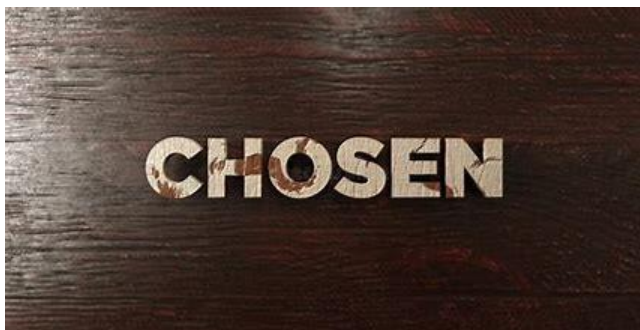
So, we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!
By Joanna Fuchs

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JACOB'S CHURCH



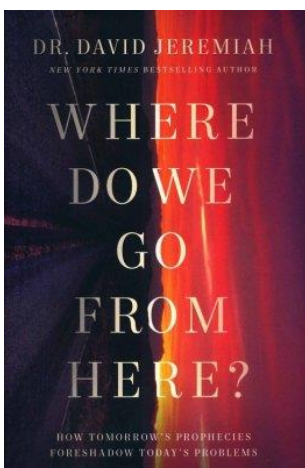
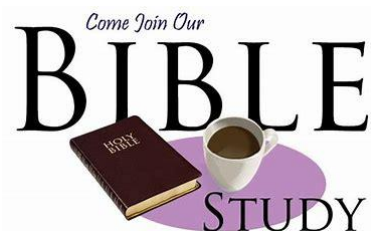
STEPHEN MINISTRY, our Christian lay caring ministry for those in need, is a vital part of our congregation's mission. On **Sunday, April 3, 2022**, during morning worship, we will commission Corinne Bast, Carolyn Krick, and Tom Foulk to begin service as Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Join in the celebration! Come pray for and show your support for this caring ministry and these gifted people whom God has called and equipped for this important role in our congregation.

SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY meet **Tuesday** mornings in the Activity Center **9:30AM-11:30AM**. For additional information, please contact Louise Hill at 610.573.1977.



FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY meet **Tuesday** evenings at **7:00PM** in the Activity Center meeting room. The group is viewing Season Two of *The Chosen*. Take time during this season of Lent to focus on Jesus and how he sets the captives free - then and now. Let *The Chosen* help you to build your faith in the One and Only Savior - Jesus. For additional information, please contact Diane Wertman at 484.330.1033.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meet **Wednesday** mornings in the Activity Center starting at **7:00AM** and end approximately at **8:30AM**. For additional information, please contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.



MID-WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP meet **Wednesday** evenings at **7:00PM** in the church sanctuary. Join us as we search the Bible for answers with our Lenten Bible Study, "Where Do We Go From Here?" with Dr David Jeremiah. For additional information, please contact Louise Hill at 610.573.1977.

CHOIR REHEARSAL is held on **Thursday evenings** at **7:30PM**. Any additional information, please contact Brenda Phillips at 484.515.1756.



Saturday, April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00AM

Ages: Infants through 6th Grade

Easter Message,

Egg Hunt, Prizes and Chocolate Candy

Sign-up sheets to pre-register your child

and to donate hard boiled colored eggs are posted on the bulletin board in church parlor area.



Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday Service – 10:15AM

Jacob's Church Easter Cantata

Presents

"Is He Worthy"

A Ready To Sing Easter

Arranged by Russell Mauldin

Created by Russell Mauldin & Sue C. Smith

Sunday, April 10, 2022

10:15 AM

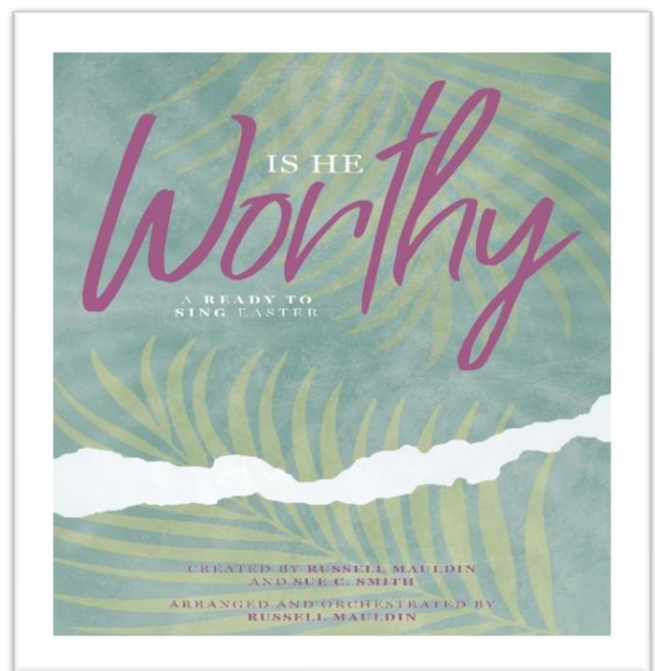
Jacob's Church

8373 Kings Highway New Tripoli, PA

The Participants

Jacob's Church Choir,

with Solo by David Follweiler

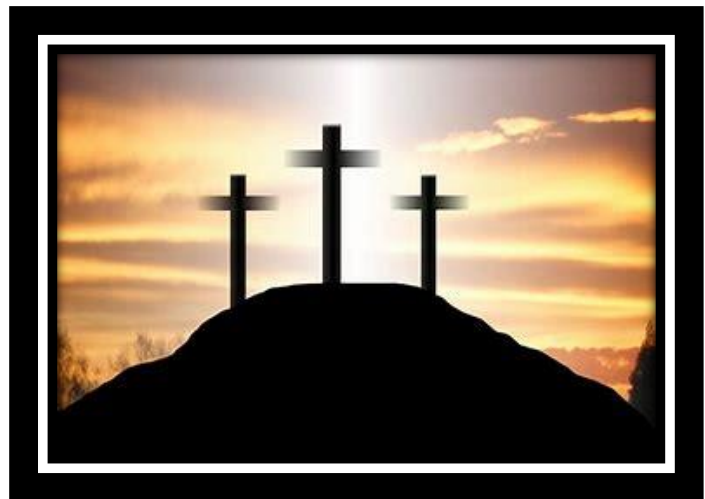


JOIN LADIES' NIGHT OUT - Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00PM. Please contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567 for additional information.



Friday, April 15 – Good Friday Service – 7:00PM
Presenters are still needed for three of the seven meditations on the cross for this service. If you feel led to participate, please sign-up on the appropriate sheet posted in the parlor area of the church.

*It's Friday, but
Sunday is coming!*



**Easter Sunday – Holy Communion Service
April 17 – 9:00AM**

A beautiful and inspiring worship service is being planned for our Easter Sunday Service, as we celebrate the victory we have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Confirmation Class and Sunday School classes will not meet that morning. Also, there will be no Children's Church during the service that morning.



Registration is open for this year's event.
It will be held on **Saturday, April 30** and
will be held on the Schuylkill River Trail again this year.
See all the details on the registration page:

[2022 Spring Chicken 5k Registration](#)

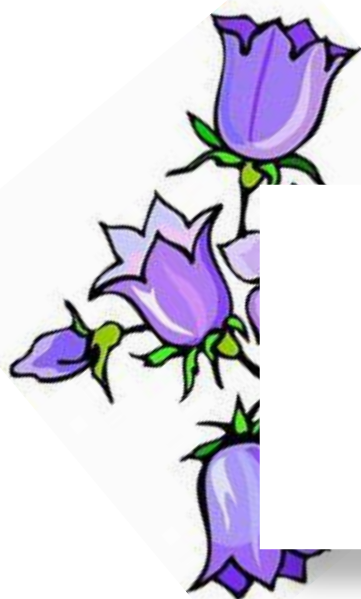
You can count on many of the same fun things from last year,
plus a few improvements (can you say Candy's Ice Cream Truck?).
One thing that's different this year is a discounted registration for teams of 4 or more.
Invite your friends to join you on April 30 and form a team.
It's more fun running or walking with friends!

We're looking forward to a great time together, celebrating life. Hope to see you there!

For more information visit our website.

For help, call (610) 683-8000 or email melissa.lifeschoices@gmail.com.





***Jacob's Church
Ladies Banquet***

**Saturday, May 14, 2022
in the Activity Center**

***"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make
His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace".
Numbers 6:24-26***



GOD'S SHINING LIGHT

***Musical Performance
CAITLIN CLARK***

**5:30 PM (Fellowship)
6:00 PM (Dinner)**

Dinner Menu

**Fruit Cup, Lettuce with Bacon Dressing, Dinner Rolls,
Country Sausage and Chicken, Potato Filling, Vegetable Medley,
Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade**

**Tickets can be purchased from:
Faye Foulk and Kayla Fusselman**

Ticket Prices:

Adults	\$10.00
Children (3 thru 12)	\$ 5.00
Children (Under 3)	Free

YOU ARE INVITED
2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES



JACOB'S CHURCH

YOU'RE INVITED!

VBS
2022

JULY 11-15
CLOSING PROGRAM JULY 17

JOIN US!
A FUN FILLED WEEK OF
GOD'S CREATIONS!

JACOB'S CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Sidewalk Sunday School

Becky and Eugene will hold Sidewalk Sunday School outside in the New Tripoli Community as soon as warmer weather arrives.

This ministry is for kids from 3 years old to 5th Grade. At Sidewalk Sunday School, Eugene and Becky tell stories from the Bible, play games, sing songs and dance, among many other crazy things. Not only that, but there are free snacks and surprises! We want to help you with your relationship with Jesus.

The last Friday of the month, Becky and Eugene will hold a big Sidewalk Sunday School event! We are going to be making crafts, telling a bible lesson, playing games, pulling out our bounce house, plus many more fun activities. Also, everyone that attends will go home with a prize. Come out and join the group for Sidewalk Sunday School! Hope to see you there!



Young Adults Group

This group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at **6:30PM**. If you are interested in joining us, or want more information, please contact Tad Schlegel at 717-644-1153. For those of you with children, child care will be provided.

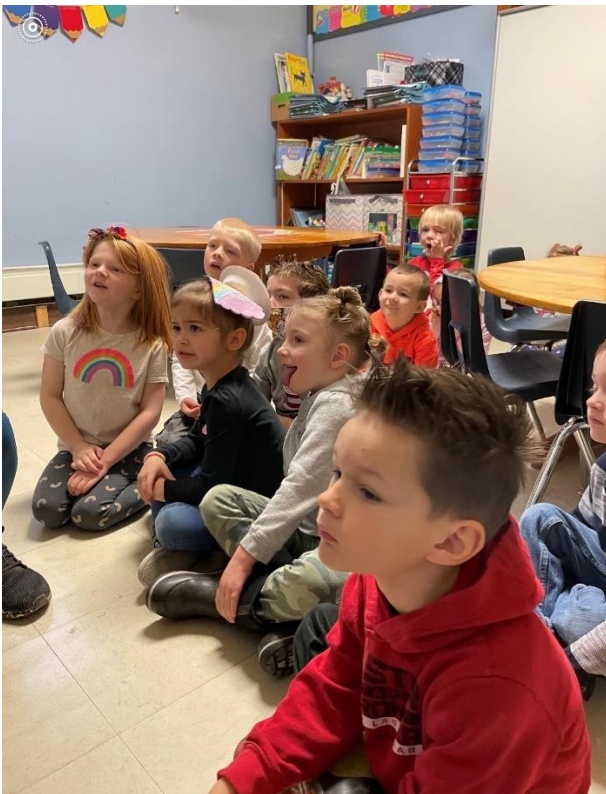
If you have any questions, please contact
Tad Schlegel, Youth Leader -717.644.1153 or tad836@yahoo.com

JACOB'S CHURCH LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

2021-2022

We had a lot of fun celebrating Dr. Seuss this month! He gives our imaginations so much to work with and such a fun way learning. We wore silly hairdos and fun outfits to capture the whimsy of his world! Looking ahead we set our hearts and mind on Jesus as we continue our Lenten Season preparing for Easter and the celebration of our Risen Lord!!

2021-22 Little Lamb Important Dates
Thursday, May 5th – Mother's Day Morning
Thursday, May 12th – Graduation Ceremony



*“Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him.”
Psalm 127:3*

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LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



Seniors and twin sisters, Jocelyn and Roselyn Bernhard, have been performing together since grade school.



Members of the Northwestern Lehigh Middle and High School Band gathered March 11 for a group photo in front billboards showing the history of Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla.

Northwestern Lehigh Marching Band performs, marches down Main Street in Walt Disney World



Senior, Sydney Utt, plays Suzie, teen friend and member of the Sweet Apple Valley Chapter of the Conrad Birdie Fan Club.



From left: Kourtney Keim (Mae Peterson), Eli Johri (Albert Peterson), Charlize Bobbyn (Rose Alvarez), "Bye, Bye, Birdie," Northwestern Lehigh High School

Becky Hauser is at Country Meadows in Allentown and is adjusting well. She says hello to all. She loves visitors and appreciates your thoughts and prayers.



THE CAST AND CREW OF "BYE BYE BIRDIE" AT NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL GATHER FOR A FINAL PHOTO BEFORE THE PRESENTATION OF THE MUSICAL ON MARCH 3-6.
PRESS PHOTO BY BERNADETTE SUKLEY

JACOB'S CHURCH
ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT
"THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"

March 27, 2022

Happenings in the Jacob's Activity Center during the month of March....

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, starting at 9:30AM and ending approximately at 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry held their meetings on Tuesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, beginning at 7:00PM.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held their sessions on Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 starting at 7:00AM and ending approximately at 8:30AM.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, March 10 and 24.

Young Adults Group held their meetings on Tuesday, March 8 and 29 starting at 6:30PM and ending approximately at 8:30PM.

Boy Scouts used the center on Tuesday, March 1 for a shoot around activity.

The Kutztown Twirlers held their practice on Friday, March 4, 11 and Saturday, March 26.

Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool used the center on Friday, March 18.

Memorial service for Glen F. Schaeffer was held on Saturday, March 19, with Interim Pastor, Rev. Tad M. Schlegel officiating.

NWL Softball practices were held on Sunday, March 6, 13, 20, and 27; Monday, March 7, 14, and 28.

NWL Lacrosse practices were held on Thursday, March 3 and 10.

Family shoot around, Monday, March 7, 14, 21 and 28; 4:00PM-5:30PM.

New Geneva Co-Op held classes on Monday, March 7, 14, and 21.

When we put our problems in God's hands, he puts peace in our hearts.

God Bless You,

Faye M Foulk

Jacob's Church Scheduled Activities in Church

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	4	5 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM	6 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM-11:30AM Lenten Bible Study 7:00PM	7 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	8	9 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00AM
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17 Easter Sunday 9:00AM Blended Worship Service/Communion	18	19 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM	20 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM-11:30AM Lenten Bible Study 7:00PM	21 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	22	23
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Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule					April 2022	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Twirlers 6-9pm	2
3 9:00am Sunday School	4 Geneva Co-Op 9:00-11:00am Jacob's Church Board Meeting 7:30pm	5 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00-8:30AM	7	8 Twirlers 6-9pm	9 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00AM
10 9:00am Sunday School	11 Geneva Co-Op 9:00-11:00am	12 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	13 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00-8:30AM	14	15 Twirlers 6-9pm	16
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