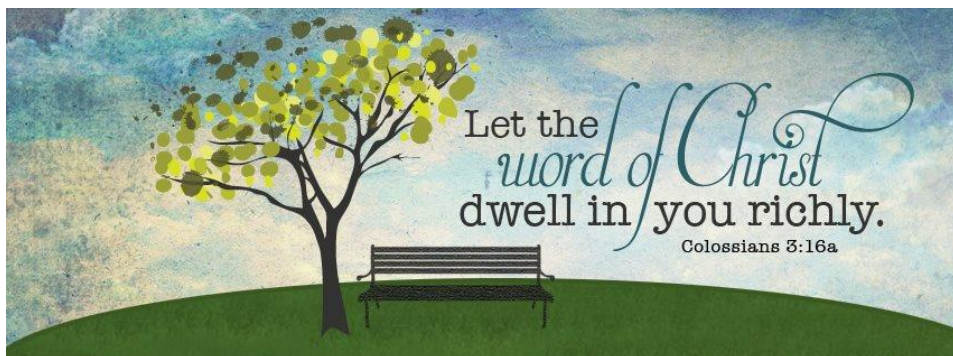


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# LMC Newsletter

## March 2023



Join us for  
**Lenten Services**  
Wednesdays at  
Noon and 7pm

## Monthly Game Night

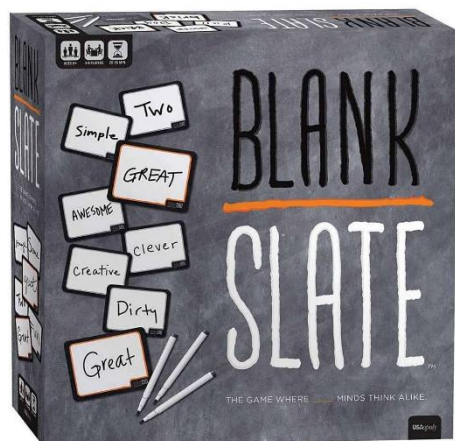
### Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Ask anyone who's attended before, this is such a fun night! Take a break from your everyday and play a little! You will be greeted with lighthearted fun, friendly chat, and fresh hot pizza. We have curated a collection we think you'll love! Come steal treasure from a dragon; the cards you collect will help you earn gold, move around the board, and battle monsters. But you'll need to be quiet (or fast) to get out of the cavern before the dragon finds you!



Or... Fill in the blank- Door \_\_\_\_\_

Did you say door way? Or man? Hinge? Maybe door handle?



All are great answers; but did anyone else say the same thing? Match one person, you each get lots of points... match lots of people you all get just one point... or maybe you'll be the only one who thought of a "door jamb" and just get a laugh. This is a surprising gem of a game that's been a hit with everyone we've played with (I even know a family who plays with a preschooler who draws his answers!) Whether we use wooden discs, shiny plastic bits, beautifully illustrated cards, pen and paper, or a surprisingly terrifying toy shark... the stories we tell together and the laughs we share are truly special.



## New Study Starting This Spring

After Lent, come join us on Wednesday night as we learn the basics on how to engage people in conversations about Christianity. We will learn how to listen, engage and answer the tough questions posed about our faith. The goal of this study is to help build our confidence so that we can be our Lord's ambassadors in our everyday lives.

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## Annual Spring Church Cleanup Day

Joe Genke is organizing the annual LMC Spring cleaning

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 12pm**

Let's make sure the church looks good for Easter!

Please see the poster on the church bulletin board to sign up or contact the church office. We look forward to many hands making the tasks go more quickly.



### Check Out the New and Improved LMC Bulletin Board!

The new corkboards are located in the hall outside the sanctuary.  
If you would like to post any information, please contact Marj Cho in the LMC church office- [officeLmc818@gmail.com](mailto:officeLmc818@gmail.com)



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The CROP Walk Coordinator for 2022, Janie Schildge, sent a lovely thank you letter to LMC along with a Certificate of Appreciation for our participation in the 2022 walk. In her note she indicated that the Red Bank Walk collected 17,000 lbs. of food and raised \$134,000.00 with our help, 1/4 of which stays in Monmouth County and is shared by 14 organizations. She gave

a special shout out to the LMC coordinator, Marie Helsing for being "a tremendous help to the Red Bank Team". The date for the 2023 CROP walk will be Sunday, October 15, 2023. We look forward to participating again this year.



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## Easter Outreach

The best way to do outreach is to get to know people. That means you connecting with your friends, coworkers, and neighbors. One of the most fun ways to connect? Gifts! We will have gift bags available so you can reach out and make someone's Easter a little brighter. There will be bags for kids, and some for adults, too. We hope each of you will share at least one bag with someone in your life.



# Seasons of the Church



The seasons of the church year have moved quickly but it will slow down for the month of March.

Once again, we will review the last two weeks. We experienced the Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:2) followed by Ash Wednesday which is the season of Lent. It lasts for forty days. The same length of time Jesus spent in the desert while the devil tempted him. For us, these days are an opportunity to reflect, repent, open our hearts for the Holy Spirit that our faith may be strengthened and our light to shine brighter that others may learn of Jesus. God would like all to be saved and come unto the knowledge of truth. Let us do our part! Be joyful in the Lord. Whatever we do it should all come from the heart. Pray, praise and give thanks on this journey through Lent.

The paraments are purple - symbolizing sorrow and repentance.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Worship & Holy Communion 7pm  
Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>  
7pm Tenebrae Service

## Easter Sunday

Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Worship with us  
@ 9am and 11am



Visit [LMCNJ.ORG](http://LMCNJ.ORG) for our complete calendar of events.

Thank you for all the **Valentine's Day** contributions to our service people; and a very special Thank You to Catherine Sas Shaljian for inspiring our community.

It is amazing how much we can all do to spread God's love when we work together!

## Don't forget to designate your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** Before March 31<sup>st</sup>

If you have insurance or investments through Thrivent you likely get free money to assign to the organization of your choice every year. You can donate this to us! You can do this calling our Thrivent representative, John Seifert at 732-320-6958 or through their website, [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). You can see Dan Rehberg if you have any questions.



# March Birthdays



7 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Johnson	16 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Widmann
10 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Genke	25 <sup>th</sup>	Kirsten Colianno
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Lobosco	27 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Minue
12 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Rescigno		Debbie Padilla
15 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Karcher	30 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Rucker
16 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Karcher		



## Prayer Requests

Please add these individuals to your prayers

Daniel Cantrell	Arlene Babyak	John	Joyce Siney
Milly Taylor	Jerry Kastning	Mike Conti	Peter Foy
Devyn & Kayla Joseph	Connie Wild	Mohamad	Carol Michener
Gene Buckley	Bob Hollenbeck	Joan Pignataro	Rondia & Mia Crowford
Harold Brown	Sandi Carter	Joe Tetley	Colton Farrell
Ruta Colomb	Russ Baccaglini	Jean Berich	Connie Schulz
Chaplain Mac, McKenzie & Jackie	Family of Rev. Paul Voitko	Rev. Burakowski & family	For the people of Ukraine
Pat McBee	Colin	Gilbert Saltzman	Lynda Abrams
Chuck Colianno	Sandra Erhard	Matthias Colomb	Tony Amato
Greg Rehberg	Bill	Jeanne Kozlowski	Heidi Griswold
Mark	Jill & Joyce Bongiovi	Family of Robert Heeren	The Warner Family
Stephanie Wesch	Elenore & Tom Mirandi	Walter Wall Sr.	Pamela Renick
Ona Grazina Kevdaras	Krystalee DeNicola	Ronald Hoffmann	Jim Sculthorpe
Emma Lembeck	Renee	Lauren Pistilli	Donna Colasurdo
John Ricciadella	Josey	The McClendon Family	Jean Shaljian
Ed Blair	Alena Grace	Baby Gray & Family	Baby Anya & Family
Kathy Doss			

You can e-mail your prayer requests or enter them into the Prayer Book at the back of the Sanctuary. Join the weekly email prayer group by contacting the church office at [officeLmc818@gmail.com](mailto:officeLmc818@gmail.com).

**Share the News!** The deadline for April's newsletter will be March 26<sup>th</sup>  
If you have stories, questions, or ideas e-mail us @ [ellen.illies@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.illies@yahoo.com)