



Let me just get right to the point! I've got a personal question to ask you. Are you ***in love*** with Jesus? Yes.... I know Jesus loves you! We learned that from little on up! But are YOU IN LOVE with Jesus? This was a question that was asked of a group of Christians at a recent three day online (I was supposed to attend in person in Minneapolis pre-Covid) conference that I participated in? Not, "Do you love Jesus?" But, "Are you ***in love*** with Jesus?!"

You might be asking me, "What's the difference between loving Jesus and being in love with Jesus?" Well think about that for a moment..... We can love many things, many people, right? But think about the person that you may be in love with.

There is an entirely different perspective and level of commitment, isn't there? You might love your new clothes, car, home, even love grandma's homemade apple pie! But you are not necessarily in love with those things.

Now thinking about the person you are in love with....do you remember how that person made you feel when you first fell in love? Do you remember how you may have wanted to tell the world of your newfound love? And you still may be doing so!

To be in love with Jesus is remarkably similar. Being in love with Jesus is wanting Jesus to be a part of your everyday life. Being in love with Jesus is putting Jesus first. Martin Luther had a morning prayer before he rose out of bed in the morning and an evening prayer when he went to bed, table prayers at mealtime. He put Jesus first in his life.

Here's the thing...if you are in love with Jesus, your absolute being will express it! You won't be able to contain your love for Jesus. Your relationship with him will shine through who you are and people will take notice and they will want some of that Jesus love too!

I pray that your relationship continues to grow with Jesus, building that love relationship with him, so others may see how ***in love*** you are!!!

With love in Jesus' name,
Pastor Dody

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July/August 2020

All summer worship services at 9:15 a.m. on ZOOM until further notice

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (7/5)

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost (7/12)

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost (7/19)

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost (7/26)

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost (8/2)

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost (8/9)

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost (8/16)

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost (8/23)

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost (8/30)

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DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month prior to publication
Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE 256



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Church Council would once again like to thank our congregation for your faithful giving through the first half of this calendar year, with all the circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus. As a result of COVID-19, we applied for and received the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan offered by the Federal government through our local bank Truist (was BB&T) in order to help cover our personnel expenses.

We applied for the PPP SBA loan in early April and received notification from Truist that we were approved for the PPP SBA Loan on May 8, 2020, which we received through direct deposit on May 13, 2020 for an amount of \$ 47,400. The Federal Government designated the Paycheck Protection Program, an SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, for at least an 8-week period as long as we keep our employees employed and do not furlough anyone. The PPP SBA loan is issued at 1% interest which is deferred for at least 6 months (November) when interest could start accruing.

We are already receiving material from Truist for the next phase of the PPP SBA process where we apply for the loan forgiveness currently planned for the mid- to late-July timeframe. So, we are currently tracking our employee payroll expenses and utilities (electric & oil), which are being paid for through PPP SBA loan funds. We are required to track all these expenses separately for the necessary documentation in our forgiveness application with Truist Bank to show that we have met qualifications for possible forgiveness and a conversion to a grant. Recent congressional approval of the CARES "Flexibility Act of 2020" has made our PPP loan forgiveness application process more forgiving when it was signed into law on June 5, 2020. The most important impact to us is that this act "extended the original 8-week Covered Period for forgiveness to 24 weeks from the loan disbursement or December 31, 2020, whichever is earlier."

In this month's Treasurer's Report, the dollar amounts show the full expenses associated with Payroll and the Property-Utilities, grounds, etc. in the expenses section of the report. These expenses are still being tracked separately from our normal income and expense records using features of our PowerChurch software. The May Treasurer's Report shows a deficit for the YTD (year to date) a little over (\$ 13,000.). Future Treasurer's Reports (June & July) will NOT be reporting any surplus amounts due to the \$ 47,400. SBA Loan, since this amount was deposited into our Operating Income as a balance adjustment. We may consider showing the \$ 47,400 amount as income at the time the PPP SBA loan is potentially forgiven and converted to a grant.

We understand folks may be having difficulty giving at this time due to unemployment, layoffs, and/or lower income, but we do appreciate your continued support, as you are able, with your giving.

The Finance Committee:

Karl Kroboth
Bill Hendricks
John Weremedic
Ken Gross
and
Jeff Laudenslager (President
of Church Council)

Treasurer's Report for May 2020

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 18,111.00	\$ 122,847.00	\$ 28,950.00	\$ 144,750.00
Benevolence	\$ 920.00	\$ 6,870.00	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 8,335.00
Property	\$ 2,108.00	\$ 12,211.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 450.00	\$ 4,484.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 21,589.00	\$ 146,412.00	\$ 33,117.00	\$ 165,585.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 9,925.00
Ministries	\$ 45.00	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 7,185.00
Payroll	\$ 20,807.00	\$ 107,027.00	\$ 22,049.00	\$ 110,245.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 2,283.00	\$ 34,007.00	\$ 7,942.00	\$ 39,710.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 8,883.00	\$ 1,917.00	\$ 9,585.00
Total Expenses	\$ 26,162.00	\$ 159,418.00	\$ 35,330.00	\$ 176,650.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (4,573.00)	\$ (13,006.00)	\$ (2,213.00)	\$ (11,065.00)

Council Highlights - June 11, 2020

May 14, 2020 minutes approved.

Correspondence: None

Christ is Present: Members shared God sightings, joys in their life.

Pastor's Report: (written)

- Bible Study continues Wednesdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- Working with Re-Launching Team of 11 diversified members have been formed headed by Dave & Kay Mancke.
- VBS Team - planning virtual classes for week of July 13th - 17th, 1-2 p.m. Currently 8 students are signed up. Info on website.

Chris Ed Dir: (no report) - see above for VBS.

Due to Covid-19 not many committees are active. However, the following gave reports:

Technology: Securing quotes to broadcast services even when we can gather in person.

Property: Push bar added to sanctuary door to complete Safety Awareness Team specifications. Securing quotes to repair/replace floor in old fellowship hall.

Outreach/Mission: outdoor electronic signage moving forward with township approval once drawings are submitted.

Treasure/Finance Report:

- Balance for May 2020 was a deficit (\$4,573) and YTD is a deficit (\$13,006). Note of clarification to reflect PPP Loan Program will be added to Treasurer's Report.

Endowment Disbursement: Recommended that \$6,500 be made from Memorial Fund to Endowment Disbursement at this time for outreach efforts as initially recommended by Bill Hendricks at the 2nd Annual Congregational meeting. (MSP)

For the Good of the Body/Comments/Concerns:

- Agreed on updating Monica's software from Microsoft 2010 to Microsoft 365 Apps for Business.
- Discussed continuing to keep building closed to outside groups until further notice including support groups.

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Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Next regular council meeting will be Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All council meetings are an open meeting and members are invited to attend.

MAKE A CALL ~ PAY A VISIT ~ SEND A CARD ~ SAY A PRAYER



Fellowship Manor: Florence Roth, Jean Steiner

Whitehall Manor: LaRue Wuchter

Lehigh Commons: Barbara Diehl

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley

Mosser: Arlene Miller

Manor Care: Mary Ann Rau

Village of Palmerton: Ferne Rock

**Pastoral Acts /
March – June 2020**



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May our Lord bless and comfort the families of our recently deceased members.

These funeral services have been held:

John W. Reinhart (d. 4/2/20)
Lewis Best (d. 4/6/20)
Patricia A. White (d. 4/17/20)
Jean M. Cydis (d. 4/27/20)
James C. Washburn (d. 5/20/20)
Evelyn J. Grammes (d. 6/12/20)

These funeral services are to be announced:

Jamie L. Grammes (d. 3/25/20)
Anna-Mari N. Martz (d. 5/2/20)
Randall L. Huff (d. 5/2/20)
Jean A. Lee (d. 6/22/20)



May this child be filled with the Holy Spirit and received into the family of the Church.

Baptized:

Charlotte Jane Halloran on May 31, 2020



SOS

Please consider donating postage stamps and anniversary cards to support Jordan's **Shout Out** for **Shut-ins** card ministry. You may mail your donations to the church office or drop them off at the church during office hours. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by so many. It will remind our members that their Jordan family cares about them.

Thank you,
Carol Nagle
Robin Jensen
Kay Mancke



Gavin Russell graduated from Parkland High School. He will be traveling to Logan, UT, in the fall where he will attend Utah State University and enroll in Air Force ROTC. Gavin is the son of Andrea & Matt Russell.

Memorial Fund Donations

Dr. John Reinhart

Tom & Lynn Daniels
Louise E. Herb Stettler

Patricia A. White

M/M Larry Hahn
M/M Tom Daniels
Audrey Berkheiser
Virginia S. Daubert
Michael Wiesbrook
Robert & Georgene Brobst
Ruth Sweitzer
M/M David Mancke
M/M Richard Bacak
M/M Dennis Barr
Carol Kuhns
M/M Gene Hahn

Lewis Best

Bruce Stettler
Stanley & Amelia Kokolus
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Cindy Stauffer
Jean Wisler
M/M Herbert Bieber
Colleagues at the Stockton
University School of Education

Randall Huff

Paulette Kehm
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Nancy & Don Scatton
Laurel Y. Lande
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David M. Zellner
Barbara Jo & Spurgeon Dunbar
Carl & Roslyn Schroeder
Marilyn A. Roth
Kurt Adam & family
Thomas & Susan Meagher

Anna-Mari N. Martz

M/M Tom Daniels
M/M Joseph Flemish
Carol Kuhns
Monica Unangst
Ilabelle Dietrich
M/M Woody Haas
M/M David Mancke
M/M Jeff Laudenslager
Diane Peters
Cindy Stauffer
Anthony & Sara Muir
M/M Frank Heston
M/M Larry Hahn
Kathleen Satkowski
M/M Gene Hahn
M/M Keith Young
Nancy Schaad
Melissa Frantz
M/M Scott Jensen
Elaine Bower
L.V. Tuesday Night
Cancer Support Group
M/M Bill Hendricks
Judith Grim
M.M Christopher Boscia
M/M Herbert Bieber
M/M Robert Heilman
Kathy Leonard
M/M David Ludwig
Kay & Allison Fried
Kathleen Bacak
M/M Bruce Stettler
M/M Richard Steltz

In Loving Memory

♡ *Those we love don't go away* ♡
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear

Our Big Surprise

SURPRISE!

It was the sunny afternoon of June 14, 2020 when a convoy of 15 vehicles containing 30 + Jordan Lutheran members traveled North on RT 309 to rural Andreas, PA to pay homage to their loyal and hard-working Pastor. They staged their vehicles in a deserted parking lot next to a shuttered restaurant, affixed their signs, balloons and other car decorations and awaited the signal to march. It began with a call to Jim Siegfried to advise his unknowing (we hope) wife they had a date to proceed out their long-wooded driveway to their entrance on Cold Spring Rd.

Once there, they were soon greeted by the passing of horn-blowing, hand-waving, shouting grateful members thanking her (and Jim) for their unwavering efforts to, not only bring virtual Sunday services to us every Sunday, but also address all of the administrative duties required to keep the Church running. All of this, or most, from the confines of her Andreas home. The convoy continued a short distance, u-turned and repeated the celebration and then began their travel home. It was a joyous day and we have since been informed from Pastor Dody, it was a roaring and much appreciated success.



Christian Education & Youth News

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Here's what's happening in Christian Education at Jordan during the Covid-19 Pandemic:

- **Sunday School:** Sparkhouse's Family Sunday School videos and downloads will be available on the church website. Regular Zoom classes have ended. We hope to see students in person in classes beginning September 13th.
- **Confirmation:** Zoom classes have ended. If you missed any, you can watch recorded classes available on the church website.
- **Egg Hunt Update:** *It is still our intention to hold the Egg Hunt once we are able to gather together again. If you signed up to donate candy, donations can be dropped off at church during office hours in a contact free manner.*
- **VBS**
 - Online VBS is coming to Jordan!!
 - Online VBS will be held July 13-17, 2020, via Zoom from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
 - We are looking for several volunteers to help us with the daily storytelling. This can be done in a completely contact free manner. Please email Jamie (JordanDCE@ptd.net) or Amber (mamjkerschner@yahoo.com) for more details or to volunteer.
 - Online registration will be available on June 1st via the church website.
 - "VBS Kits" containing craft supplies and daily snacks will be available for contact free pick-up in early July. Participants will be notified of details as the time gets closer.
 - Students registered by June 30th will receive a free one-of-a-kind VBS themed t-shirt.
- **Youth Activity:**
 - We are currently looking into the possibility of holding a *Movie Night*, either via Zoom or possibly "drive-in" style using a projector, a sheet, and a parking lot that will enable us to maintain "social distancing" guidelines.



SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

More Stories of Being the Church in a Time of Pandemic

Holy Trinity Memorial of Catsauqua

In the letter to the church in Rome, St Paul writes, "The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word. 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.'" (Romans 13:9-10, NRSV). This has been the source of inspiration for Holy Trinity Memorial of Catsauqua

Over the past eleven weeks, Holy Trinity has turned God's abundant giving toward the neighborhood. The love of Christ, which is the fulfillment of the law, has freed us to boldly live in love with this world. The call to do God's Work with Our Hands has pushed us to our sidewalk.

How are we loving this world while on our sidewalk? By trusting that God has provided and cared for us so we can walk humbly with our neighbors. God has abundantly poured over \$15,000 into a Community Help fund at Holy Trinity. We have purchased \$1,000 worth of food from restaurants and cooked \$500 worth of raw food each week for a Catsauqua food giveaway. We can't wait to see what ventures God has planned for us once the strong need for food is able to be handled by the local food bank.



St. James, Hobbie



St. James Lutheran church in Hobbie continues to hold food distribution during these trying times. The distributions of produce, milk, eggs, and other goods have been occurring weekly as an outreach to anyone in the community - no questions asked. God's work. Our hands.



Zoom Meeting with Bishop Zeiser

On Tuesday, June 9, over 160 rostered ministers and others joined Bishop Zeiser in a Zoom meeting to receive updates on several matters relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bishop opened the meeting with a brief homily based on Jer. 31:15-17: *Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.* [A link to view the homily is available on the home page of the synod website at godslove.org.]

The Bishop then introduced Collin Grooms, Executive Director of Bear Creek Camp. Collin announced that summer camp has been cancelled; however, family camping and a Bear Creek Camp Conservation Corps will be available. [See the camp website for more information at bearcreekcamp.org.] The Camp will face difficult financial challenges in the coming year, but Collin is confident that the Camp will continue its ministry.

The Bishop lifted up the Online Baccalaureate Service for graduates in our synod, which was put together by Sammy Kelly and the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team. He then introduced Julia Menzo, from Lutheran Congregational Services, who spoke about the various outreach efforts underway. [See her article below.]

The Bishop also addressed the status of Assembly 2020. Because of concerns for the safety and well-being of delegates, the Assembly will not be held at Kalahari in October as previously announced. The Assembly Planning Team is considering several options, including the possibility of an online Assembly. A recommendation will be presented to the Synod Council at their meeting on July 14, and their decision will then be announced to the synod.

Finally, the Bishop addressed challenges the church will face in the weeks and months ahead. These include the role of online worship, communion practice in a time of social distancing, and the need to confront racial injustice in our land.

Spiritual and Emotional Care in the time of COVID-19

The routines of work, school and simply running errands have been disrupted by COVID-19. The rituals we practice in worship, grieving, marriage, baptism, and more have been put on pause. These disruptions can impact our emotional and spiritual health. To meet these disruptions church leaders have offered creative worship, prayer, and fellowship opportunities; many of us have developed new routines at home and for everyday life.

Lutheran Congregational Services is partnering with a number of organizations to meet needs during COVID-19. Many offer spiritual and emotional care.

Keystone Disaster Interfaith Network has established a Spiritual Care Call Line to provide appropriate and respectful disaster spiritual care to people of all ages, races, and religions, especially in the midst of COVID-19. Call 888-255-6520.

American Red Cross's Virtual Family Assistance Center offers an Integrated Condolence Care Program. Please visit redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center.html. Of course, a number of resources are available through the ELCA at elca.org/publichealth.

Lutheran Disaster Response is creating a spiritual and emotional care training, with a focus on COVID-19, which will be available in the coming months. Please also feel free to reach out to Lutheran Congregational Services to talk to Sylvia Havlish, our bereavement counselor, about upcoming programs and services.

Email jmenzo@libertylutheran.org for more information.

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