

As the Jordan Flows

A Newsletter for Jordan Family and Friends

July/August 2021



Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Summertime is generally a time that families and friends get together around picnics. Picnics are not for those with no will power, like me. I usually want to taste everything that is there, at least what I like, which is usually everything!

Half of the Gospel lessons for this summer at church speak about Jesus being the bread of life. More food! In fact, five out of eight Sundays in July/August speak about food. We begin with Jesus feeding the five thousand and then move into three weeks of Jesus proclaiming that he is the bread of life! I kiddingly asked Jim if Jesus is gluten free!

All kidding aside though, the proclamation that Jesus is the bread of life is important for the Gospel of John and for us to hear (however, challenging for the pastor to preach each week!). For those who believe that Jesus is the bread of life, we are promised eternal life. We receive the bread of life each time we come forward for Holy Communion, with open hands, awaiting to receive the gift of his body, broken and given freely for each of us! As food nourishes our body, Christ nourishes and strengthens our soul so we might go from our place of worship out into the world to serve the Lord in our daily life!

I am reminded also of a "friendship bread" recipe, whereby the dough is raised in a plastic bag over several days. When the designated time is due, the dough is broken into smaller sections to be passed on to friends to continue the process of sharing the bread dough with their friends. Yes, some remains each time to actually be baked, but what a wonderful image of gifting and inviting others to enjoy the sweet taste of the "friendship bread."

So too we are gifted and invited to participate in the bread of life that gives us life, by nourishing and sustaining our soul through his body, broken and given for you! Won't you join us for worship this the summer at 9:15 a.m. in person to receive the bread of life (first & third Sundays of the month)! Oh, and by the way... I would say Jesus is gluten free as he gives of himself to all people!

OUR MISSION
Celebrating
God
Connecting
People

God's Blessings! Pastor Dody

CHURCH COUNCIL

2021 Members

Doug Clark, President
Julie Williams, Vice Pres.
Ingrid Martz, Secretary
Karen Boardman
Andrew Grim
Ken Gross
Dan Heckman
Erin Klotz (youth rep)
Donna Stark
Jeff Steiner
John Weremedic

WORSHIP SCHEDULE July/August 2021

All summer worship services at 9:15 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (communion) (7/4)

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost (7/11)

Baptism

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost (communion) (7/18)

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost (7/25)

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost (communion) (8/1)

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost (8/8)

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost (communion) (8/15)

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost (8/22)

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost (8/29)

Blessing of Backpacks

Jordan Lutheran Church Office Hrs. M-F, 9:00-4:00

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STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dody S. Siegfried Administrator: Monica Unangst Organist: Susan Hartney Canon Choir: Janice Kistler Cherub Choir: Marlene Peters Inc/Exp Coord: Barbara Carinci Sexton: Ann Kline

DEADLINES

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

HOSPITAL CODE

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MinLab is a collaborative workshop for ministries in Northeast Pennsylvania Synod that are exhibiting our Vital Signs – signs of life and thriving – Loving the Land, Healing the Hurt, Engaging the Stranger.

Think of it exactly as the name implies – a Ministry Laboratory. We are opening up space for folks to "cross-pollinate" on like ministries. And learn more about possibilities for exciting new ministries across our synod and beyond.

MinLab is a 5-hour workshop to be held from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM on Saturday August 14, 2021. Rain or shine. MinLab will be held at our Synod Headquarters – The Lutheran Center" – 2354 Grove Rd, Allentown, PA 18109



Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, August 29th

Students of all ages and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks/ book bags/briefcase for a special blessing for the new school year! Each student is encouraged to extend an invitation to bring their friends along as well! Everyone will receive a special tag for their backpack reminding them of God's love and presence in their daily learning/teaching.



June 6th through Sept. 5th

One worship service at 9:15 a.m.

Communion on 7/4 & 18

Communion on 8/1 & 15

The need for additional services will be re-evaluated before the end of the summer.



Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Vacation Bible School – Rocky Railway...to the kids who attended, the adults who volunteered, those who made donations...it was great to be back! Hopefully next year we can be in full force once again. Special thanks to Amber Kerschner for coordinating!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

contributions statements: In our continuing effort to contain costs, we are asking members to state a preference for delivery of their periodic Contributions Statements. If you would like to review your "Six Month Contribution Statement" for this year, please speak to any member of the Finance Committee, call the church office at 610-395-5912 or email the church

at <u>jordanlutheran@ptd.net</u> to request your statement. You may pick up your statement in the church office during office hours, at worship on Sundays, have it mailed to your home or have it emailed to you (confirm email address upon request). Please indicate which one of the above methods you prefer to receive your Contribution Statement when requesting. This is a good time of the year to review and/or plan your charitable giving for this 2021 calendar year.

We had suspended our membership requirement for taking Communion and making a Contribution to Jordan at least once during the calendar year in 2020. This is a reminder that we will be resuming the Communing and Contributing requirement for 2021 and beyond, this year, so please remember to fill out your communion card and make your contributions at least once in 2021.



The secretary is on vacation July 5th thru 9^h. In addition, the office is CLOSED July 5th for the Independence Day holiday.



Summer camping opportunities for the young people of our congregation from 3rd through 12th grade!

Bear Creek Camp

(our Lutheran church camp near Wilkes Barre) 570-472-3741

Register at: www.bearcreekcamp.org

There's still time to register!
The Endowment Committee offers
½ scholarships to Jordan members!

Council Highlights June 10,2021

Approved May 13th minutes and June 10th meeting agenda.

Correspondence - none.

Staff Reports:

Pastor (written) - 2nd week of Continuing Education July 12th - 18th

Drive thru communion discontinued due to people returning in person. Will make home Visits, if requested, to the hand full that are not attending in person.

Dir. CE - vacant

Committee reports:

Worship & Music - next mtg Aug 3rd

Technology - phone updates waiting for final quote. Livestreaming continues, looking for additional people to run computer/camera. Training provided.

Property - no report

Outreach/Mission - Preparing for 4F Worship/Picnic on June 13th at Lone Lane Park.

Family Center - 3rd team interested getting back to practice.

Safety Awareness Team - 3 people needed per week; reorientation meeting w/CDC guidelines being planned. Fire Drill in the Fall.

Christian Education - VBS in person planned for June 20th - July 2nd.

Treasurer - (vacant) - Ken reported - Balance for May 2021 was a deficit of \$3,730 and YTD surplus of \$26,032. (This includes the \$47,400.00 from the PPP Loan.)

Finance - (written) - CLIU contract expires 6/30. Extending to 7/31. Will not be returning in the fall. Forming task force to review offering envelope situation.

Seminary fund - balance was disturbed equally to Andrew Berdahl and Jamie Edelman.

Contribution statements offered quarterly as requested by individual members.

Next meeting July 6th.

ReLaunch - (written) - recommend the following: continue wearing masks, singing w/masks, discontinue tracing slips, bulletins/offering plates remain in narthex. Open building to outside groups with indiv group setting guidelines for their group (all approved). Next meeting July 6th.

Stewardship - next meeting 27th.

For the Good of the Body/comments/concerns:

Dir. Of Congregational Faith Formation position (prev Dir of CE) - updated job description approved with one addition. Salary recommendation range approved for 25 hr work week.

Financial Audit - approved using same company as last time for yr 2021 to be started in 2022.

Office safe - updated combination. Approved combo holders.

Use of facility/Family Center - open to all . Family Center available beginning July 12th following VBS and shampooing of carpet.

Offering Envelopes - approved task force to review with recommendation at July council meeting. Adjourned with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is July 8,2021 at 7 p.m. in person. All council meeting are an open meeting and members are invited to attend.



Andrew & Taylor Berdahl both graduated with honors from United Lutheran Seminary with Masters of Divinity degrees. The couple will be serving in the Lower Susquehanna Synod and are awaiting their first calls. They are the son and daughter-in-law of Jeff & Valerie Berdahl.

Michael Boscia, son of Christopher & Julie Boscia, graduated from Parkland High School. He plans to attend college.

Logan Edelman graduated from Parkland High School, receiving an Academic Achievement award. He was a member of the Tri-M Honor Society, and the German Honor Society. The son of Jamie & Brian Edelman and grandson of Alice & Gary Schneck, Logan will attend North Carolina State University, majoring in statistics.

Dr. Jacob Figner, a graduate of West Virginia University, PCOM, Beaumont Hospital, MI (residency), Emery University School of Medicine, GA, Fellowship Doctor of Interventional Radiology, has accepted a position with a radiology practice affiliated with St. Luke's University Hospital, Bethlehem PA. He is the son of David C. Figner and Irene Figner.

Nicholas Matthew Grim graduated from Parkland High School. He is the son of Jason Grim and Melissa Frantz, and the grandson of Judy Grim and Bernice Frantz. He began employment with Mack Trucks on June 14th.

Kyle Heston, son of Frank & Angie Heston, graduated from Parkland High School. He was an academic awards recipient for maintaining a GPA in excess of 4.0 and played varsity soccer for four years. Kyle will be attending Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland OH, and will pursue an engineering degree.

Jordan offers scholarships through the Endowment Disbursement Committee to all members who are pursuing a post high school education. This includes, but is not limited to, 2 year or 4 year colleges, trade schools, and masters or doctorate degrees. To be eligible to receive this scholarship you simply must be a member of Jordan and complete a scholarship application. The scholarship is \$600 per academic year for a maximum of 4 years. Please contact the church for the scholarship form. We look forward to assisting in your continuing education.

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

Fellowship Manor: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel **Village of Palmerton**: Ferne Rock **Lehigh Commons**: Barbara Diehl, Howard & Janet Stettler **Manor Care:** Mary Ann Rau

Lehigh Center: Herb Bieber, Anna Bieber

<u>Home:</u> Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley, Loretta Hein

<u>Remember these folks who are ill:</u> Reed Klotz, Gary Schneck, Clint Trumbauer, Kathleen Bacak, Jean Wisler, Judy Young, Roger Miller, Ron Andersch, Julie Boyer, Karl Kroboth, Herb Bieber, Anna Bieber



July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
"Liberty means responsibility. That's why mos			st men dread it." ernard Shaw	1 6:00-Exec. Com. 7:00-OE Anon.	2 7:30-AA	3		
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9:15 WORSHIP In Person & Livestream w/communion Independence Day	5 Pantry 9-10 am Church Office Closed	6 6:00-Relaunch mtg 7:00-Finance Com.	7 Pantry 6-7 pm	8 7:00-Church Council (in person) 7:00-OE Anon.	9 7:30-AA	10		
10:30-Property Com. mt 6:30-AA Meeting			Family (Family Center Carpet Cleaning				
9:15 WORSHIP In Person & Livestream	12 7:00-Boy Scouts	13 6:00-End Inv mtg	14	15 7:00-OE Anon.	16 7:30-AA 9:30-Volleyball-FC	17		
6:30-AA Meeting								
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6:30-AA Meeting								
25 9:15 WORSHIP In Person & Livestream	26 7:00-Boy Scouts	27 6:00- Stewardship	28	29 7:00-OE Anon.	30 7:30-AA 9:30-Volleyball-FC	31		
6:30-AA Meeting								

Worship Services will take place in person at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Livestreaming on Facebook and our website continues.

Pr. Dody will be at a continuing education event July 12 – 18 Monica will be on vacation July 5 – 9

August 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
9:15 WORSHIP In Person & Livestream w/communion	Jordaniers Picnic, Fam. Ctr. 7:00-Boy Scouts	3 7:00-Worship & Music	4 . Pantry 6-7 pm	5 6:00-Exec. Com. 7:00-OE Anon.	6 7:30-AA Meeting 9:30-Volleyball-FC	7		
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9:15 WORSHIP In Person & Livestream	30 7:00-Boy Scouts	31		1	1	1		
Blessing of Backpacks			When the weather is hot, keep a cool mind. When the weather is cold, keep a warm heart.					
6:30-AA Meeting								

Worship Services will take place in person at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Livestreaming on Facebook & our website continues.

Pastor Dody will be on vacation August 16 - 22



JULY Birthdays

- 1: Sara Collins, Alice Wright
- 2: Emma Haught
- 6: Dianne Benner
- 7: Alexandra Heckman, Keith Turkos
- 8: Janet Stettler
- 9: Karla Gaugler
- 10: Carol J. Kuhns
- 11: Brian Tom
- 12: Annette Doyle, Julie Williams
- 13: Elena Panettiere, Kelsey Ream
- 14: Philip Heberling
- 15: Jenny Barr
- 16: Amber Kerschner, Jennifer Szoldatits, Joseph Welsh
- 18: Gayllyn Faust-Rakos, Andrew Grim, Carl Hoffman,
- Lucille Laudenslager, Douglas Leonzi, Arlene Snyder
- 19: Dale Greenawald, Bonnie Miller, Doug Shortell
- 20: Lauren Bako, Paul Demarest Jr., Reed Klotz*, Savannah Smoyer
- 21: Joshua Heller, Jenna Leonzi
- 22: Herbert Bieber*, Sandra Daniels, Alexander Silvonek
- 23: Gayle Cardoni
- 24: Terry Gannon, Kelley Stout
- 25: Drew Gaugler, Ruth Kemp, Dan Stark
- ${\tt 27:Ella}$ Collins, Erik Fitzgerald, Barbara Thirion, Tom Ward
- 29: Michael Ream, Sr., Carla Richebacher, Kevin Wikert
- 31: Nancy Haas, Adam Hager

*these folks are shut-ins and would sure appreciate a card or phone call!

JULY Anniversaries

July 1, 1979: Terry & Vickie Christianson
July 1, 2018: Katie & Jason Halloran
July 12, 1985: Arlene & Neil Snyder
July 1, 1989: Lori & Doug Shortell
July 11, 1992: Christine & John Hivizdak
July 5, 1996: Wendy & Gerald Schalter
July 4, 1998: Tracy & Philip Heberling
July 22, 2000: Desiree & Fred Safadi
July 27, 2002: Melissa & Matthew Greenawald
July 21, 2004: Ingrid Martz & Matthew Shelton
July 1, 2014: Eileen & John Levchik

Anniversary

AUGUST Anniversaries

August 14, 1954: Anna & Herbert Bieber August 29, 1959: Joyce & Kurt Oertner August 20, 1960: Barbara & Lee Kreidler August 24, 1963: Gretchen & Jim Wagner August 7, 1965: Sue & Bill Weber August 19, 1972: Allen & Nancy Marsteller August 11, 1973: Carol & Barry Nagle August 18, 1973: David & Sandy Knotts August 18, 1973: Carla & John Richebacher August 2, 1975: Debra & Dennis Barr August 21, 1993: Patricia & Steven Budlong August 20, 1994: Lori & Richard Semmel August 30, 1994: Susan & Thomas Szczepanski August 26, 1995: Leslie & Ted Mayo August 13, 2005: Amber & Michael Kerschner August 28, 2010: Jill & Anthony Fay



AUGUST Birthdays

- 1: Braden Grim, Nicholas Grim, Loretta Hein*, Shirley Schleicher
- 2: Clarence Hoffman
- 3: David Adam, Doug Clark, James Gannon, Emily Gross
- 4: Julianna Boyer, Leroy Dollak
- 7: Kimberly Demarest, Austin Kessler, Jackson Kessler, Michael Wertman, Jazlyn White
- 8: Michael Tom
- 10: Logan Edelman, Judy Grim
- 11: Tracy Heberling, Reese Hoffman, Caleb Kulp
- 12: Alicia Hivizdak, Silas McGrevy, Linda Posegay, William Weber
- 13: Woody Haas, Jan Kistler
- 14: Jonathan Horn, Rebecca Peters, Richard Seltzer
- 15: Jenna Strobl
- 16: Ilabelle Dietrich, Donna Hahn, Alexandra McDevitt
- 17: Karl Kroboth
- 18: Merle Cydis, Barbara Diehl*, Charles Fox, Jennifer Seidel
- 19: Kevin Gill
- 20: Dylan Edelman
- 21: Richard Albright, Lawrence Wertman
- 23: Sarah Gross, Čalvin Kulp, Ingrid Martz, Kelly
- McNemar
- 25: Elizabeth Posegay, Earl Williams, Sr.
- 26: Mary Ann Sandrock
- 97: Donald Ross
- 29: Mackenzie Brezack, William Kroboth
- 30: Glenn Hahn, Mary Rock, Judy White
- 31: Kathleen Kerr, Donald Peters

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The summer is a great time to take a look at our church database and make updates, additions, corrections, etc. Please take a moment to provide the information below for your family so we can be sure to be up to date. Thanks for your help!

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First & Middle Names	Date of Birth	Date of Baptism	Date of Confirmation	Date of Marriage	Year of HS Graduation (kids)					
Family's Home Address										
Home Phone (landline)										
Individual Cell Phone Numbers										
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Do you prefer to receive your news	sletter and othe	r church commu	nications by: E	MAIL REGU	JLAR MAIL					
Email Address (if you wish to change	the one on file or	add one)								
Do you currently receive offering e	nvelopes? YES	S NO (circle one)								
Are you interested in electronic giv	ing? YES NO	(circle one)								

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SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

MINLAB 21

How has your church been able to: Heal the Hurting, Love the Land, and Engage the Stranger?

Learn new ideas to take home and try. And show and tell others about the "vital signs" you've seen "growing" in your midst through God's grace, love and care in your community. On August 14th we will also go deeper into ways the "Growing Young" movement across our Synod is making a difference and changing the ways we are growing as a Jesus-centered community.

We hope every congregation will send at least two participants, to learn and share and grow.

Join us August 14, 2021

Sign up online at Godslove.org



Christian Freedom vs.

American Freedom

As we gather this month to celebrate July 4th and the **Freedom** ascribed to us as citizens of the United States of America, we often think of the individual freedoms that we 'hold dear.' Those "I" statements regardless of impact on another. We must understand these notions of what freedom means for us as **Lutheran Christians** and how we celebrate freedom from and for. We often see freedom as from something: oppression of speech, restriction of arms, etc. However, when God talks about freedom, God speaks of freedom for one

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Meet Laurie Christman

Born and raised in Allentown, I now live with my husband of 31 years, two young adult sons, and one tortoiseshell cat in Lehigh Township, Northampton County. Hobbies flow with the seasons - gardening, reading, jigsaw puzzles and upcycling crafts.

During office hours, you'll find me at the front desk in the Lutheran Center. Lenjoy answering the phone and greeting folks when they visit. If I don't have the information you need, I'll track it down or connect you with the right person. When you do your yearly congregational report, I'm the person that makes sure we have a copy in the synod's record. I keep the roster of people and congregations updated as well. My most challenging task is scheduling supply pastors for congregations in transition, as there seems to never be enough pastors.



another. Jesus states the 'greatest commandment' is to love one another as he (Jesus) loves us (John 13:24-25). This biblical freedom, is one which Luther encouraged others to share. The promise that God engages us in freedom for one another. To build up **community** by strengthening relationships with one another and with God. The diversity by which we have been created is something that is meant to offer strength not divide. Luther spends a lot of time with Paul's letters, and the language of the **Body of Christ.** We are all members of Christ's body, together, united, with differing views, even on the understanding of Freedom. While we are different we are united. The same blood flows through us all." Luther quotes Romans 6:4 in the Small Catechism to support the above claim: "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too, are to walk in new life."

Let us celebrate this nation's day of independence both from oppression, and for the love of one another: that we may see the unity in the diverse makeup of our nation, which strengthens our resolve as community, to live into the Body of Christ more fully every day.

Pastor Zach Labagh, Lead Pastor at Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church, Knauers, PA

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