



As the Jordan Flows

A Newsletter for Jordan Family and Friends

June, 2021

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

On Sunday May 23rd we celebrated Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Easter when the Holy Spirit descended by a rush of wind and tongues like fire upon those gathered who became the first church.

The season of Pentecost is an exceptionally long taking us through summer into fall and ends on November 21st with Christ the King Sunday. The liturgical color for Pentecost is green and is known as the growing season of the church. Jesus uses many analogy stories related to growth which are read during this time frame, especially early in the season of Pentecost.

We might be able to relate to this growth theme as well, as many have started gardens, for some it's another year added onto many, but for others it may be the very first garden you are planting. Either way, at some point trial and error occurs as each season is never the same.

As we come back together for in person church in the sanctuary, for some it is the first time returning, yet others have come back gradually to the Family Center and some are not yet ready to return. With the ever rapidly changing guidelines from the CDC, those of us in the leadership roles are finding it to be a time of trial and error as well (as this entire past year has been!). We pray during this time that you find it to be a time of grace given freely and abundantly.

Pentecost 2021 will also be a time of listening to the Holy Spirit to see where the Spirit will call us to do and be the church perhaps in new ways; ways never thought of before (while still holding on to some traditional familiar ways). For instance, we intend to continue to livestream services, a gift brought to us because of the situation with covid. Livestreaming has extended our community of faith near and far, to members who moved away due to life situations and to those who have other virtual connections to our members who join in faithfully each week for worship.

As the first century disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, we too are filled with the Holy Spirit as it is with us every day, guiding us, asking us to be open to exploring our faith and to continue to grow the church in ways perhaps never thought of before.

I'm excited to be back in person and to begin to think about how we can continue to grow in our faith and BE the church once again both here at Jordan and beyond. What opportunities are you looking for to help grow your faith? How can we join together in growing the church?

May the Holy Spirit surround you and fill you with green growth of faith and love to help you root your faith deeply and share it abundantly to grow the church!

CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE

Listening for the Holy Spirit with you!

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
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Asst Organist: Janice Kistler
Inc/Exp Coord: Barbara Carinci
Bell Choirs: Susan Hartney
Canon Choir: Janice Kistler
Cherub Choir: Marlene Peters
Sexton: Ann Kline

DEADLINES

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

HOSPITAL CODE

256

WORSHIP SCHEDULE for June

Worship is currently being held in person in the Sanctuary

*Second Sunday after Pentecost (6/6) **

9:15 am – Worship Service w/Communion

*Third Sunday after Pentecost (6/13) **

10:30 am – Outdoor Worship and
4F Celebration at Lone Lane Park

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (6/20) **

9:15 am – Worship Service w/Communion

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (6/27) **

9:15 am – Worship Service

Drive-Thru Communion has been discontinued due to people returning to in-person worship. Please let Pastor Dody know if you desire a home visit (inside or out) to receive Holy Communion if you are feeling uncomfortable attending in person.

**Live-Streaming of Worship Services will continue for those who feel more comfortable remaining at home.*

*"We delight in the beauty of a butterfly,
but rarely admit the changes it has gone
through to achieve that beauty".*

– Maya Angelou



2021 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: May 16, 23, 30; June 6, 13, 27; July 4, 11, 18, 25

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or dhahn16@gmail.com with your choice of date(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the 9:15 service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

Altar flowers are \$40. Bulletins are \$20. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

SPONSORSHIP POLICY: Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of



Mark your calendars: On June 13th, 10:30 AM, at the Lone Lane Park Pavilion, we will again celebrate Faith, Family, Fun and Food! Rain or shine, we come together with a little twist as we continue to embrace the current recommended CDC guidelines in place on June 13th. Our celebration ends with an intense game of BINGO complete with prizes for all age groups! Please note the pavilion is ADA compliant and rest rooms are available. See details below!

Who: Jordan Lutheran Church Family & Friends

What: 4 F Celebration

Where: Lone Lane Park Pavilion

When: June 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM

Luncheon: BYOB & F (Bring Your Own Beverage & Food)

Questions: Kay Mancke (484.358.7411)

Helpful Things to Know:

- Beginning June 2nd, the church office will be back to regular hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- There will be no worship service in the sanctuary on June 13th. Please join us at Lone Lane Park at 10:30 for worship outdoors and picnic after.

We send our gratitude to those who faithfully continued to make their offerings, always looking forward to the time when we could return to worshipping more normally. Many have gotten in the habit of using electronic giving during the pandemic and we welcome you to continue doing so if you find it is convenient and suitable for you.

If you are interested in trying electronic giving, here is how you sign up:

WEBSITE – go to www.jordanlutheran.org click on the **SUPPORT** tab, then **Electronic Giving** and you will be offered two options to set up your electronic giving

GIVE+ PLUS (a free, secure phone app) download this free app to your mobile phone, search by zip code 18069 and when you see Jordan, follow the instructions to make your donation.

The applications are part of the Vanco family of products, handling payment processing since 1998, hosting over 20,000 churches, and conforming to the latest Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards. Members using Simply Giving are already familiar with the convenience of online giving.

Of course, you may continue making your offering via US mail, place in the Sunday offering, or drop off in person at the office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.



Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Abigail Mae Williams 5/2/21

Funerals

Franklin P. Rabert 5/23/21

Ethel M. Haas 4/30/21

Jordaniers Bowlers



First Half Champions

Edie Hermany
Bill Kish

Stacy Kish
Scott Moyer, Capt.

Second Half Champions

Diane Osgood
Donn Jaymes

Linda Robino
Terry Christianson, Capt.

Team Champions

Dianne Osgood
Donn Jaymes

Linda Rabino
Terry Christianson, Capt.

Council Highlights / May 13, 2021

Approved April 8th and April 29th special meeting minutes and May 13th meeting agenda.

Correspondence – Thank you note received from Monica for Administrator Appreciation Day gift card to Morgan's from church council.

Special Order: Ventilation Task force for Sanctuary- Provided 3 options. Council approved moving ahead to obtain a schematic design from HB Engineers to upgrade ventilation. Once obtained will be able to determine a more accurate cost to be presented to council/congregation.

Staff Reports:

Pastor (written) – Mia Kerchner and Grace Martz- Shelton presented for approval for confirmation. Approved.

Dir CE (written) – VBS planned for June 28th – July 2nd 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Amber Kershner directing.

The following committees provided reports:

Worship and Music – Met 4/27 reviewed May–Sept 5th schedule.

- Return to sanctuary on Pentecost 5- 23.
- Need help with altar guild, lectors, ushers, bell ringerregrouping after covid.

Technology – Continue to gather info for upgrade of phone system.

Property – Family Center leak coming through ceiling tiles was fixed.

- Waiting for estimate for replacement of Social Hall tiles.

Outreach/Mission – (written) 4-F Picnic planned for June 13th at 10:30 at Lone Lane Park.

Christian Education – Had an exit tour with Jamie's of the office and procedures.

Finance – (written) – Property Insurance Policy signed and sent in. Will continue to review and search out other companies.

- Seeking outside audit company info.
- Will work on revising money handling procedures. \$2,200 to be divided between Andrew Berdahl and Jamie Eldleman. This clears this account.

Treasurer – Ken shared on behalf of finance:

- Balance for April 2021 was a deficit of \$4,258.00 and YTD surplus of \$35,830.00. (This includes the \$47,400.00 from the PPP Loan.)

ReLaunch – (written) – Recommended return to sanctuary using CDC guidelines on May 23, 2021.

Stewardship – Committees asked to share faith stories and will continue to ask members of congregation to share on Sundays.

For the Good of the Body/comments/concerns:

-Request from member from an orchestra they are part of to use parking lot for outside rehearsal June- August 2021. Permission given to use Family Center Parking Lot.

-Personnel – working on fine tuning DCE job description and preparing ad to fill position. Adjourned with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Next regular council meeting with is June 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. via zoom. All council meeting are an open meeting and members are invited to attend.

Treasurer's Report for April 2021

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
Income:			Month	YTD
Operating Income	\$ 21,719.00	\$ 142,921.00	\$ 29,261.00	\$ 117,044.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 4,969.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 5,332.00
Property	\$ 1,893.00	\$ 7,122.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 24,867.00	\$ 156,152.00	\$ 33,094.00	\$ 132,376.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 1,067.00	\$ 4,486.00	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 6,760.00
Ministries	\$ 323.00	\$ 2,152.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 3,624.00
Payroll	\$ 22,008.00	\$ 84,193.00	\$ 21,657.00	\$ 86,628.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 2,394.00	\$ 22,574.00	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 30,268.00
Benevolence	\$ 3,333.00	\$ 6,917.00	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 7,300.00
Total Expenses	\$ 29,125.00	\$ 120,322.00	\$ 33,645.00	\$ 134,580.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (4,258.00)	\$ 35,830.00	\$ (551.00)	\$ (2,204.00)
*Operating income includes proceeds from PPP Loan \$47,400.00				

Calling All Graduates . . .



It's that time of year when many people, young or a little bit older, are coming to the closing chapter of their studies at various schools. Jordan would like to honor all recent graduates, including high school, vocational schools, college, specialty school - whatever! Please fill out the form below if you are a recent graduate or have someone in your family who is a recent graduate. We will print the information in the July/August newsletter. Your church family wants to share your joy!

Graduate Information Form

Name of Graduate _____

Name of School _____

Degree/Curriculum _____

Additional Information (*honors, awards, etc.*): if there are many, please choose a few you are most proud of

Plans after graduation (*employment, college, graduate studies, etc.*):

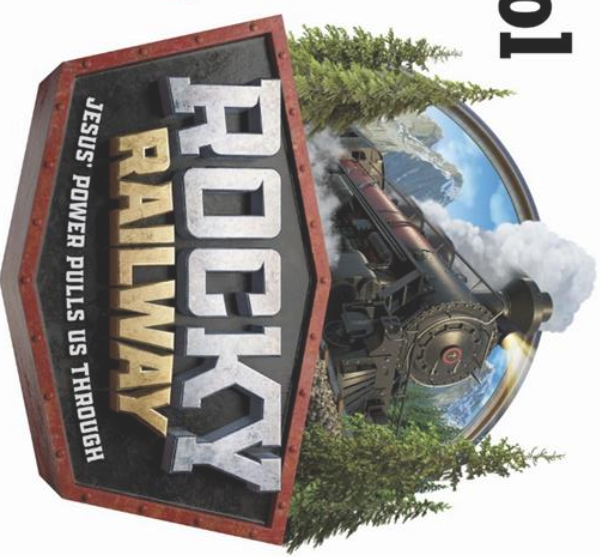
Jordan relationships (*son/daughter/grandchild of etc.*):

Scholarships Available to Members

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 office for a form. We look forward to assisting in your continuing education.

Vacation Bible School 2021

June 28-July 2
9am-11am daily



Sign up: vbspro.events/p/79422b
Questions? email:

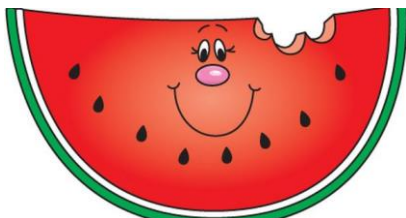
mamjkerschner@yahoo.com
or call: 610-395-5912



June 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:30am-Staff Mtg.	3 6:00-Exec. Com. 7:00-OE Anon.	4	5
6 9:15 WORSHIP In Person & Livestream w/communion	7 7:00-Boy Scouts <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i>	8	9 <i>Pantry 6-7 pm</i>	10 7:00-Church Council 7:00-OE Anon.	11	12
13 10:30 4-F CELEBRATION Lone Lane Park	14 7:00-Boy Scouts	15	16	17 7:00-OE Anon.	18	19
20 9:15 WORSHIP In Person & Livestream w/communion	21 7:00-Boy Scouts <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i>	22	23	24 7:00-OE Anon.	25	26
27 9:15 WORSHIP In Person & Livestream VBS Staff Installation	28 7:00-Boy Scouts	29	30	1 7:00-OE Anon.	2	3
<div>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</div> <div>ROCKY RAILWAY</div> <div>9:00 - 11:00 AM</div>						



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

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

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley, Loretta Hein

Remember these folks who are ill: Shirley Hamm, Theresa Hedrick, Reed Klotz, Christopher Fish, Karl Miller, Gary Schneck, Larry Wertman, Clint Trumbauer, Lois Gennaria, Herman Snyder, McKenna, Vince, Herb Bieber, Radelle Psarsky, Kathleen Bacak, Jean Wisler, Judy Young, Roger Miller, Ron Andersch, Paulette Bassler, Julie Boyer, Sheila Renner

Happy Birthday

JUNE Birthdays

- 1: Marci Schwartz
- 2: Allison Roth, Hillary Roth
- 4: Ronald Keinert
- 5: Judy Murphy, Kyle Stout
- 6: Jessie Greenawald, Kevin Murphy
- 7: Michael Ream, Jr., Florence Roth, Bella Safadi
- 8: Andrew Collins, Linda Grantz
- 9: David Rakos
- 10: Andrew Berdahl, Frank Heston, William Lutterschmidt, Lillian Semmel*
- 11: Jeanette Bair, Brian Hahn, David Kerr
- 14: Dale Gogel, Cecelia Heberling, Charlene Slaughenhaupt, Matthew Steckel
- 15: Judith Drey
- 17: Madison Dreisbach
- 18: Raymond Geiger, Betty Gockley*
- Barbara Godshall
- 19: Sarah Bako, Linda Kressley
- 20: Skip Brommer
- 22: Caroline Simock
- 24: Leah Wenhold, Keith Young, Jr.
- 29: Terry Trumbauer
- 30: Carolyn Stettler

*these folks are shut ins and sure would appreciate a call or card on their special day



June Anniversaries

- June 27, 1953: Darwin & Grace Haas
- June 7, 1954: Joan & Ted DuBois
- June 11, 1955: Howard & Shirley Schneider
- June 1, 1957: Donald & Jane Laudenslager
- June 21, 1958: C. David & Barbara Godshall
- June 11, 1960: Carolyn & Joe Flemish
- June 17, 1961: Arlene & Clinton Trumbauer
- June 15, 1968: Nancy & Richard Steltz
- June 6, 1970: Bonnie & Robert Miller
- June 18, 1977: Bonnie & Richard Albright
- June 9, 1979: Gary & Hope Strobl
- June 6, 1981: Carol & Roger Wendling
- June 20, 1981: John & Karen Boardman
- June 23, 1984: Cindy & Gary Stauffer
- June 24, 1989: Robin & Scott Jensen
- June 30, 1990: Lynn & Ed McDewitt
- June 22, 1991: Darlene & Randy Wenhold
- June 29, 1991: Karla & Scott Gaugler
- June 21, 1997: Jonathan & Suzanne Horn
- June 5, 2000: Angela & Frank Heston
- June 2, 2001: Brad & Sara Collins
- June 22, 2002: Michele & Richard Kozy
- June 12, 2004: Kristie & Frank Filipovits
- June 17, 2006: Kelly & Richard Kulp
- June 26, 2011: Lindsay & Michael Turkos
- June 8, 2013: Ashley & Chris Helsley
- June 16, 2018: Annette & Patrick Doyle