
Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The writer of Ecclesiastes writes "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Eccl. 3:1). In other words, everything has its time and place in life. A time to be born, a time die. Everything in between the book ends of birth and death is what we call life.

A variety of things have lifespans. Humans. Vehicles and machinery. Congregations. The life of a congregation is not much different than other types of life spans. Life has its ebb and flow. Its ups and downs. Its challenges and successes!

The month of November brings a time to give thanks and to remember, to remember the blessings that we have been given in this life, both in the past as well as in the future. For now though, I give thanks for the current life time in this congregation as I begin to feel life coming back into the ministry here at Jordan. It may be slow after the challenging disruption of Covid-19 and we still have a way to go, but God continues to move us forward!

As you may be aware by now, council has chosen that we will return to two services (8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) beginning November 14th, with Sunday School returning to a 9:15 a.m. start time. We will try this through February at which time we will re-evaluate. Does the attendance at worship sustain two services? Will members step up to the plate and volunteer to assist, especially with the already overtaxed members, by helping to cover the areas of ministry to make two services happen? It is my hope and prayers that you will help to make this happen.

November is often a time of preparing for next year's church budget. I want to give thanks for you and the support you have made financially as well as with your time to keep the ministries at Jordan as healthy as they are. Yes, we had the blessing of the PPL Loan, which was forgiven, meaning it did not have to be paid back and is now considered income for 2021. But throughout the past 19 - 20 months, this congregation has been faithful. For that I give thanks!

We are also welcoming a new staff person, Stephanie Derstine, who will fill the position of Director of Faith Formation. Stephanie brings a wealth of fresh ideas and a diversity of faith background. I give thanks to God for leading her to us. I pray (and know) you will welcome her as she gets settled into the life of this congregation.

There is much to be thankful for as we give thanks for one another in this time and in this place that God calls us to serve God's people, sometimes stretching us to the max, other times overwhelming us with many gifts, knowing and trusting that in life there is a season and a time for everything under heaven, which God is always a part of!

With much gratitude for you and to God our creator of all that is good!

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

Have a Blessed November!
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
November 2021**

All worship services are live streamed on the website and Facebook.

All Saints Sunday (11/7)

9:15 a.m. [communion]

Sunday School at 10:30

(Don't forget to change your clock back today!)

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS Sunday

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (11/14)

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. [communion]

Sunday School at 9:15

Christ the King (11/21)

8:00 a.m. [communion] & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15

Thanksgiving Eve Service (11/24)

7:00 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent (11/28)

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. [communion]

Sunday School at 9:15

Jordan Lutheran Church

Office Hrs. M-F, 9:00-4:00

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STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dody S. Siegfried

Dir. Faith Formation: Stephanie Derstine

Administrator: Monica Unangst

Organist: Susan Hartney

Bell Choirs Dir.: Susan Hartney

Asst Organist: Janice Kistler

Inc/Exp Coord: Barbara Carinci

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

Count Your
Blessings
NOVEMBER

The First Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, December 12th, Immediately following ONE SERVICE AT 9:15 A.M. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of Council and approve the 2022 Budget.



Breast Cancer Walk

Tracy Heberling collected a total of \$320 for the 2021 Breast Cancer Walk...Jordan members donated \$245 of that amount. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

Sunday, November 7th



Pastoral Acts

October 2021

Funeral Service

10/2/21

Randall Huff (d. 5/2/20)

10/29/21

Betty Gockley (d. 10/11/21)

New Members Received

10/10/21

Patrick & Leslie Dennis

Chell Miller

Elaine Kurtz

Lee Green

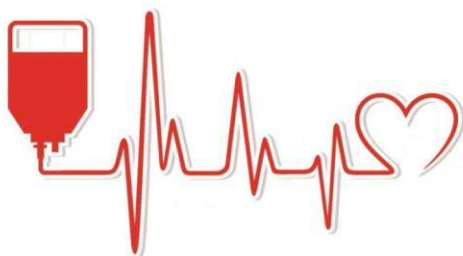
Return to two services!

Beginning Sunday, November 14th, worship will once again take place at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. We will maintain this schedule through February or March, when we will re-evaluate and plan for spring. The following Sundays are **exceptions** and there will be one service at 9:15:

December 12th – First Congregational Meeting

December 19th – Sunday School Christmas Program

December 26th – Service of Lessons & Carols



Blood Drives Save Lives!

Jordan is partnering with **Miller-Keystone Blood Center** for a special, week-long blood drive to save lives. Join us **November 15th – 20th** at either Miller-Keystone Blood Center location (1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown or 1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem). Schedule your appointment by calling 800-223-6667 ex. 2 and mention Group ID 8379. Or visit GIVEaPINT.org to set up your appointment under the Adopt-A-Day link and be sure to include your Group ID in the notes section of the form.

Miller is offering a **\$50 gift card** for every 10 donors from our group who schedule an appointment and donate blood. (if you show up but are unable to donate, you will still be counted) When our donation period is over, winners will be drawn from the group and will be contacted.

Check the church foyer for posters, brochures and other information. Sign up as part of GWOH!



Council Highlights - October 14, 2021

Approval of agenda and September 9, 2021, minutes.

Correspondence - none

Personnel - chair Bill Hendricks presented the committee's recommendation of Stephanie Derstine for the position of Director of Faith Formation with start date of November 1st. MSP

Pastor's Report - (written)

- Fall confirmation retreat was held Oct 16th
- Thanksgiving Eve Service Nov 24th at 7 p.m.

Dir of Faith Formation - N/A

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS/REPORTS:

Worship & Music - Meeting Oct 27th

Technology - phone system updated and complete

Property - (written)

- 5 yrs. snow removal contract signed
- Contract signed for Stirling for \$7,750 to seal sanctuary brick.
- Waiting for date from Bastian flooring to do social hall/kitchen.

Outreach/Mission - (written)

- God's Work Our Hands Nov 7th following 9:15 a.m. worship service. Light brunch offered to all. Thrivent grant approved to cover brunch costs.
- Blood Mobile Drive at Allentown or Bethlehem site November 15th - 20th.

Family Center - (written) 4 out of 6 teams actively returned.

- Allentown Band rehearsals.

Safety Awareness Team - need volunteers. Contact Dave Mancke.

Christian Education - next meeting Nov 1st.

Finance - (written) Working on 2022 Budget to be presented to council at Nov meeting.

Treasurer - (written) - presented by Ken G. September 2021 report shows balance of surplus of \$4,484 and YTD balance of \$35,076, keeping in mind that this includes \$47,700 from the PPP Loan which has been forgiven and is now income. Thus without the PPP Loan funds YTD would be a deficit of \$12,624.

Relaunch - no report. Next meeting Nov 9th.

Stewardship - (written)

- Members needed to share faith stories Sunday mornings
- Looking for committees to share info about the ministry they do on Sunday mornings.
- Putting together a slide presentation for congregational meeting "Jordan's Ministries."

FOR THE GOOD OF THE BODY/COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

- Reviewed Toshiba update to lease new office copier. MSP
- Worship Services - will return to 8 & 10:30 beginning 11/14 with the following exceptions to be at 9:15 a.m. - 12/12 - congregational mtg; 12/19 - Sunday School Program; 12/26 Lessons & Carols. Will re-evaluate end of Feb/March. MSP
- Looking for 3 members and 1 youth to serve on council.

Why You Should Serve Church Council

- 1) In your baptism by the Holy Spirit, you have been empowered with gifts to serve the Lord.
- 2) You have a genuine love for Jesus Christ and his church and are concerned about God's will.
- 3) You have time to commit to the leadership of this congregation to carry out God's mission.
- 4) No experience needed, just an honest and pure desire to serve the Lord and work with others.

If you or someone you know may be interested in serving on Church Council, please contact Doug Clark at 610-703-6638 or doug.clark854@gmail.com or Julie Williams at 484-241-6994 or jwill02@gmail.com or Pr. Dody at prdody@gmail.com or 610-442-6362 to have your name placed on the list of nominees.



Blue Christmas Service

a service of hope & remembrance with Holy Communion
Sunday, December 19, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

For those suffering from the recent or impending death of loved ones, dealing with recent separation or divorce, struggling to find employment, or facing depression or family crisis, Christmas can be a very isolated and dreary time. The constant refrains on radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost. This can make us feel alone in the midst of the celebrating and joy. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

We will gather in the sanctuary for the service. Following the service, you are invited for a light meal in the Memory Room

Thanksgiving Eve Service



**Wednesday
November 25th
7:00 p.m.
here at Jordan**

*Please bring a canned good or
non-perishable food item for
the Food Pantry.*

Gifts to the Memorial Fund

**In memory of
Randall Huff
Nancy Rex**

**In memory of
Betty Gockley
Tom & Lynn Daniels
Mary & Bob Taylor
Linda Samson
Stephen & Joy Samson
Marilyn Kautz
Joe & Carolyn Flemish**



NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 1: Bert Bentson, Jr., Jamie Edelman, Greg Mikols
- 3: Blake Strobl
- 4: Megan Belnoski, Allen Marsteller
- 5: Abigail Gross, Dorla Hullinger, Andrew Murphy, Brooke Shimer
- 6: Melinda Lichtenwalner, Jessica Merrill, Morgan Shimer, Susan Tough
- 8: Ella Filipovits, Howard Schneider, Brenda Shimer, Jeffrey Steiner, Jameson Williams
- 9: Callie Boscia
- 10: Patricia Geiger, Kylie Hlay, Melissa Leonzi, Fred Weidman, Kendall Wikert
- 11: Joyce Oertner
- 15: Jordan Kerschner, Sharon Naugle, Donna Stark, Darlene Wenhold
- 16: Suzanne Horn
- 18: Cynthia Gingras
- 19: Michael Albright, Judith Young
- 22: Nikki Brezack, Alexander Rakos
- 23: Penelope Fay
- 24: Nancy Marsteller
- 25: Roland Harrier III, Judy Huff, Heather Parker, Cedella Schenck
- 27: Brian Lichtenwalner, Lori Nagy
- 28: David Silvonek, Howard Stettler
- 29: Angela Heston, Eileen Levchik, Ida Reinert, Melissa Richebacher
- 30: Thomas Bartos, Hope Strobl

*May you receive
many beautiful blessings
on your special day!*



NOVEMBER Anniversaries

- Nov. 7, 1959: Clarence & Sandy Hoffman
- Nov. 23, 1968: Sharon & Terry Naugle
- Nov. 9, 1974: Althea & Gene Hahn
- Nov. 3, 1979: Radelle & Gregory Psarsky
- Nov. 25, 1989: Jeffrey & Valerie Berdahl
- Nov. 3, 1990: Elizabeth & Brian Schofield
- Nov. 9, 1991: Carolyn & Greg Mikols
- Nov. 30, 1991: Brian & Melinda Lichtenwalner
- Nov. 20, 1993: Richard & Shirley Seltzer
- Nov. 23, 1996: Douglas & Melissa Leonzi
- Nov. 21, 2009: Lyndsey & Brendan McGrevy
- Nov. 25, 2010: Stephen & Joy Laudenslager



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

Fellowship Mnr: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel

Lehigh Commons: Howard & Janet Stettler

Lehigh Center: Barbara Diehl

The Palmerton: Ferne Rock

Artis Senior Living (Lemoyne PA): Betty Gockley

Parkland Manor: Herb & Anna Bieber, Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

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



Members and friends of Jordan are invited to celebrate "God's work. Our hands." Sunday at 9:15 AM on November 7th, 2021. The "Choices" have been created so you may participate in more than one activity. Several activities can be completed at home, while others will happen at church following a GWOH Gathering Brunch.

Sign-up for the brunch and activities by clicking on this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FAAAD2CA57-gods> or copy/paste it in your browser. If you prefer, you may use the sign-up sheets in the Memory Room or contact Monica at 610-395-5912. Even if you are unable to participate in any of the "GWOH" activities on November 7th, we welcome you to enjoy the brunch. Email photos of your event to Monica (jordanlutheran@ptd.net) so we can create a collage of our 2021 benevolent efforts. Please wear your bright yellow GWOH shirt if you have one. November 3rd is the deadline to sign-up for the choices below. *Note..... the Miller-Keystone Blood Drive has special directions and dates.*

Choice #1: Be a "**Brunch Buddy**" and help Ingrid Martz with the preparation, serving and clean-up of our Gathering Brunch following the **November 7th, 9:15 AM service**. Your assistance will be appreciated and provide the nourishment so we can do God's work. Ingrid will contact her "Brunch Buddies" with the details.

Choice #2: "**Wrapping Holiday Hope Chest Boxes for Children.**" On November 7th, Tracy Heberling will meet her team in the Family Center after the brunch. Shoe boxes and wrapping supplies will be provided. A "shopping list" of recommended items will be provided to those who wish to take their shoe boxes home and fill them. The remaining empty shoe boxes may be picked up in the Memory Room or church office by others who wish to participate in this project. All boxes *must* be filled and returned to the Memory Room by November 28th.

Choice #3: The "**Blanket Brigade**" will gather on November 7th to assemble warm blankets for the Allentown Rescue Mission. Darlene Wenhold will provide all the fabric to create these brilliant blankets; *please* bring your own sewing shears. Talent is not a requirement. Following the Gathering Brunch, this group will meet in Classroom #8, across the hall from Pastor's office.

Choice #4: 6th Street Shelter "**Sweet Dreams**" collection campaign is led by Kay Mancke. A box is located in the Memory Room for the specific and appreciated items. The 6th Street Shelter is requesting standard sized pillows, twin sheet sets and twin mattress pads. **All items must be new.** This collection runs through November 14th, 2021.

Choice #5: Allentown Rescue Mission "**Scrub-A-Dub**" collection campaign is led by Dave Mancke. An ARM box awaiting your generous donations of pump hand soap, window cleaner, scouring cleanser, Pine-Sol, and shampoo is located in the Memory Room. Donations can be received through November 14th, 2021.

Choice #6: First Responder "Notes of Appreciation." Now it is *our* turn to thank them for their valiant efforts. Following our November 7th brunch, Kathy Leonard invites you to meet her in the Family Center to write five "thank you" notes to a First Responder from our list or send them to a First Responder you personally know, on behalf of our church. You will receive a packet of five cards and envelopes, stamps, a template letter as a guide

and a list of local First Responder organizations. Monica will have packets available for those unable to attend the November 7th GWOH event yet wish to be involved with this project by completing their notes at home.

Choice #7: “Kreative Kids Korner” – coordinated by Ingrid Martz. While your parents are participating in their own “God’s work. Our hands.” projects, we have an activity just for you! Following the brunch, look for Ingrid in the Family Center where she will have crafty projects ready for you to make and share with others in need. Be a part of the GWOH day in your own way!

Choice #8: Miller-Keystone Blood Drive (November 15th – 20th, 2021), Glenn Hahn. Refer to the E-mails and flyers that are posted around Jordan for specific information. Call or E-mail the Blood Bank to reserve your time slot at one of the two sites listed. This year the Miller-Keystone network has developed a safe way you can donate your essential lifegiving blood. An added bonus: *with every ten Jordan donors, one lucky person’s name will be drawn to receive a \$50.00 gift certificate.* Be sure to mention Group ID #8379 when you call 800-223-6667 (ext. 2) or visiting GIVEaPINT.org, this will ensure you have a chance to win!

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, November 7th, is an opportunity to give of ourselves as we help those who will benefit from our time, talent, generosity and Christian love. Can we count on you?

We hope to see you on November 7th!
The Outreach Committee

**Treasurer's Report
for September 2021**

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 29,697.00	\$ 276,270.00	\$ 29,261.00	\$ 263,349.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 10,543.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 11,997.00
Property	\$ 933.00	\$ 15,876.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,190.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 31,845.00	\$ 304,879.00	\$ 33,094.00	\$ 297,846.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 840.00	\$ 11,132.00	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 15,210.00
Ministries	\$ 501.00	\$ 4,591.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 8,154.00
Payroll	\$ 18,174.00	\$ 179,605.00	\$ 21,657.00	\$ 194,913.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 6,179.00	\$ 58,912.00	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 68,103.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 15,563.00	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 16,425.00
Total Expenses	\$ 27,361.00	\$ 269,803.00	\$ 33,645.00	\$ 302,805.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 4,484.00	\$ 35,076.00	\$ (551.00)	\$ (4,959.00)
*Operating income includes proceeds from PPP Loan \$47,400.00				



November 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30-Chris. Ed. 6:30-Jordaniers Bowlers 7:00-Boy Scouts	2 10:00-Staff mtg. 1:00-Outreach 5:30-Basketball	3 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherubs 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Girl Scouts	4 6:00-Exec. Com. 7:00-PA Dutch 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-OE Anon.	5 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA mtg. 9:30-Volleyball	6 2-6 pm <i>Family Center Reserved</i>
7 9:15 WORSHIP <i>All Saints Sunday</i> w/communion 10:30-Sunday School  6:30-AA mtg.	8 6:30-Jordaniers Bowlers 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:00-Garden Club 7:00-FP Rm Res'd 8:00-Allentown Band	9 6:00-End. Disb. 6:00-Relaunch 5:30-Basketball	10 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherubs 6:15-Friendship Ringers 7:00-Finance Com.	11 7:00- Council 7:00-PA Dutch 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-OE Anon.	12 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA mtg. 9:30-Volleyball	13 8am-1pm <i>Boy Scout Food Drive Social Hall</i>
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Church Office Closed

Pastor Dody will be on vacation November 29 thru December 5.



SYNOD NEWS

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Gaining Strength: The Tie that Binds Bishop Christopher deForest

*And though one might prevail against another,
two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not
quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:12)*

Autumn blessings to you all! We find ourselves in November 2021, on the cusp of change. The pandemic is still upon us, but vaccines work and masks are making a difference. Advent is almost here, but we're uncertain what the new year will bring. Where do we go from here? In my prayers for us concerning this time, two scripture passages come to mind. The first is the one above, from the Old Testament. Many of us recall this biblical image, because

it is used often at weddings, where "a threefold cord" is actually wound together into a stronger bond, symbolizing how God and the marrying couple are bound together in fidelity, faith and love.

But look closer at the full verse. It starts not with peace and harmony, but with conflict: two are divided, fighting to "prevail against" the other. Then straight away, a different path is taken: "two will withstand one." It doesn't say, "two will team up to overcome one." This is not bullying or ganging up, in other words. It's "standing with" – united against forces that may seek to drive them apart. This is taken even further in the second line, where two-against-one transforms into three, joining forces. Could it be, that the two have not destroyed or driven away their enemy – but have instead, drawn the other into a loving embrace? So that the three become something new: an unbreakable one.

This is both the will of our God, as well as the essence of God's very being. The Holy Trinity. One in Three and Three in One. Mysterious in so many ways, our Triune God also comes "down to earth" for us, in these days when so many forces and factions try to drive us apart. Jesus, the One who came down to us, reveals to us the truth of the threefold cord – through his life, death, and resurrection, connecting our reality to his. And he spoke of this connection in very everyday terms, in this second Bible verse:



[Jesus said:] “Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:19-20)

This practical promise lies behind the work we are doing, as a Synod, to reach God’s three “Vital-Sign Goals”, over the next five years. “GROWING YOUNG” is the goal to bring faithful young people and “young at heart” of all ages together, as Jesus-centered community, empowered and led by the Spirit to change the world. “GOING BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE” is the goal to bring together congregations to understand and live out their God-given purpose, at all points in their congregational life cycle, from birth to death and beyond, leaving a faithful, lasting legacy.

But the Vital Sign Goal that most comes to my mind at this moment, with these two verses, is the Goal we call “GAINING STRENGTH.” Over the next year especially, we have a unique opportunity to explore and shore up the strengths we have, as individuals, and congregations, and as synod. And the best way to build up strength is to share and combine those strengths, for our common good, the good of our neighbors, and most of all, because God has made us for life together, and work together.

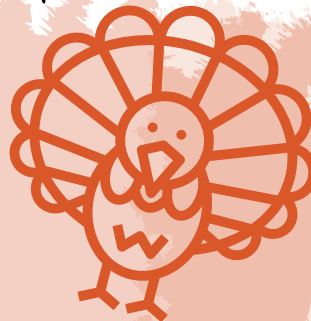
We are the threefold cord. We are called to gather as twos and threes, in the name of Christ, and ask God to overcome our divisions, combine our strengths, and send us out to be Christ for the sake of all: healing the hurt, loving the land, and engaging the stranger. Blest be the tie that binds / our hearts in Christian love;

The unity of heart and mind / is like to that above. (ELW 656)

In God’s love,

Bishop Christopher deForest

*Upcoming
Events*



NOVEMBER 6. 2021: WE LOVE

NOVEMBER 9- 10. 2021: BISHOP'S CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 13. 2021: FAITH FORMATION SATURDAY