



Jesus says, "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28) While I despise having to refer back to the past eighteen months, yet again, it is these past eighteen months of our lives that have caused us to change, not only the way we have had to do things, but the way we actually interact and treat each other.

Attempting to return back to what we refer to as normal, meaning pre-covid, has seen an array of spectrum. In the height of the pandemic, we experienced what it meant to have schools, business, churches, etc. shut down. We experienced not being able to visit loved ones outside of our own family. Some of us experienced what it meant to not have the support of others close by with us as we grieved the loss of loved ones. And we have seen first responders working endlessly, giving up their own family connections to protect them through the pandemic as they served the strangers among them.

As we continue to find our way back to "normal" (which will never be the same), our society is tired. We are tired emotionally, physically, and spiritually. When people are tired and worn out, we tend not to be the best that we can be, treating each other with kindness or care of the other. We tend to be in a survival mode whereby, the "me syndrome" kicks in; caring for self is often difficult as well as for our family members as all the daily demands pile on us, often in unfamiliar ways, often with more restrictions.

Here at Jordan, the staff, church council members and volunteers are doing their best to make it possible to get ministry programs back up and running. Sunday School and Confirmation has restarted in person with about a dozen children attending and a handful of volunteers who are willing to teach. Worship and Music Committee along with several volunteers to serve as ushers, lectors, tech support and altar guild are providing what is needed for our 9:15 a.m. worship service and livestreaming.

We are all tired and weary and can really use your assistance to make the load lighter, especially for our volunteers. Council could use assistance by providing positive direction of when or how you would return to worship, not through anonymous notes or messages, but through honest open conversations.

And perhaps you too are just tired and weary from the heavy burdens of your everyday life. If so, I invite you to join us by worshipping the Lord, in the way you feel comfortable (in person or Livestream).

Through the Word of God we are given the message of hope, strength, perseverance and yes even rest for a weary soul, as Jesus reminds us "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt 11:28-30).

**Celebrating  
God  
Connecting  
People**

God's Peace and Love,  
*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  
October 2021**

Live streamed on the website and Facebook.

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (10/3)**

*9:15 Worship with communion / 10:30 Sunday School*

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (10/10)**

*9:15 Worship, New Members / 10:30 Sunday School*

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (10/17)**

*9:15 Worship with communion / 10:30 Sunday School*

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (10/24)**

*9:15 Worship / 10:30 Sunday School*

**Reformation Sunday (10/31)**

*9:15 Worship with communion / 10:30 Sunday School*

**WEAR RED!**

**Jordan Lutheran Church**

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

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Inc/Exp Coord: Barbara Carinci  
Canon Choir: Janice Kistler  
Cherub Choir: Marlene Peters  
Sexton: Ann Kline

**DEADLINES**

**Newsletter** – 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior  
to publication  
**Bulletin** – 10 a.m. Thursdays

**HOSPITAL CODE** 256



October

*I hope I can be  
the autumn leaf  
who looked at the sky and lived.  
And when it was time to leave,  
gracefully knew  
life was a gift.*

*-Dodinsky*



Pastor Dody will be on vacation October 18<sup>th</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>. Pr. Brian Reidy of Holy Trinity, Catasauqua will provide pastoral coverage. In the event of an emergency, he may be reached at 610-264-2641.

Monica will be on vacation the week of October 11<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can spare a few hours one day that week to answer the phone, please contact the office.



## *All Saints Remembrance ~ Sunday, November 7, 2021*



If there is someone you would like to include in the prayers (a friend, relative, etc.) who is not a member of Jordan and has died since October 31, 2020 please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office (610-395-5912 or [jordanlutheran@ptd.net](mailto:jordanlutheran@ptd.net)) with their name and date of death.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be remembered \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death (11/1/20 - 10/31/21) \_\_\_\_\_

*Jordan Members who have died will automatically be included.*

### Donations to the *Memorial Fund*

*In memory of Anna-Mari Martz  
Ulla Martz*

*In memory of Mary Anne Rau  
Carol J. Kuhns*

IN LOVING  
*memory*

### *Prayer Chain*



Don't forget to contact the Prayer Chain when you or someone you know are in need of prayers! This can be for yourself, friends, or family, for health or other reasons that are important to you. Any shared information is kept strictly private, but please make sure you have permission from the person if not yourself. This is separate from the list you see in the weekly bulletin and the newsletter. If you have a prayer need, or wish to join in our "prayer army," please contact Carolyn Flemish at 610-395-1178 or [jcflemish@yahoo.com](mailto:jcflemish@yahoo.com).

## Council Highlights - September 9, 2021

Approval of August 12, 2021 minutes and agenda.

Correspondence: None

Pastor's report - (written) confirmation/parent meeting was held Aug 25<sup>th</sup>;

- new members will be brought into membership on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Personnel working on setting up interviews for Faith Formation Dir.

### Committee reports:

Worship & Music - will meet in October

Technology - continue to follow up on phone system

Property (written) - \$11,500 to Bastian flooring to complete Social Hall floor once abatement of asbestos is completed. MSP

Outreach/Mission (written) - God's Work Our Hands will be held Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

Family Center - (written) - several sports teams will resume in Oct.

Safety Awareness Team - Sept Sundays covered. Need more volunteers.

Christian Education - Rally Day planned for 9/12 in Family Center; SS/conf classes begin 9/19 in person.

Finance - (written) change in Egiving provider completed. Reviewing new bank fees. Will check other banks.

Treasurer - (written) presented by Ken G. August 2021 balance shows a balance of \$4,056 and YTD balance of \$30,592, keeping in mind this includes the \$47,700 from the PPP Loan which has been forgiven and is now income. Thus w/o the PPL funds YTD would be a deficit of \$17,108.

ReLaunch - (written) recommend that all covid concern verbiage be unified. "Council respectfully requests all (vaccinated and unvaccinated) who attend services at Jordan wear a CDC approved mask during worship....." MSP.

Stewardship - no report.

For the good of the Body/Comments/Concerns:

- Rising Roots contract presented. MSP Rising Roots is a Home School Coop program that will rent space one day per week beginning in January 2022.
- Copier info to upgrade presented by written letter from Monica. Tabled.

Next regular council meeting is October 14, 2021 at 7 p.m. **in person**. All council meetings are an open meeting and members are invited to attend. Full reports/minutes can be obtained in the church office.



### *Pastoral Acts* September 2021

A wedding is a time to offer special thanks and praise to God and to seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit on the couple as they become husband and wife.

**September 4, 2021**      **Samantha Bissey & Jake Moyer**

**Treasurer's Report  
for August 2021**

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
<b>Income:</b>				
Operating Income *	\$ 26,390.10	\$ 246,573.24	\$ 29,261.00	\$ 234,088.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,187.00	\$ 9,527.50	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 10,664.00
Property	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 14,943.50	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,990.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 29,817.10</b>	<b>\$ 273,034.24</b>	<b>\$ 33,094.00</b>	<b>\$ 264,752.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 1,846.50	\$ 10,291.93	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 13,520.00
Ministries	\$ 30.96	\$ 4,090.67	\$ 906.00	\$ 7,248.00
Payroll	\$ 18,753.00	\$ 161,430.56	\$ 21,657.00	\$ 173,256.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc.	\$ <b>3,463.86</b>	\$ 52,732.51	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 60,536.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 13,896.36	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 14,600.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,760.99</b>	<b>\$ 242,442.03</b>	<b>\$ 33,645.00</b>	<b>\$ 269,160.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 4,056.11</b>	<b>\$ 30,592.21</b>	<b>\$ (551.00)</b>	<b>\$ (4,408.00)</b>
* Operating income includes proceeds from PPP Loan \$47,400.00				

***Interested in teaching?***

Our Sunday School and Confirmation programs are always looking for more volunteer help. We often hear “I don’t have a teaching background.” Or “I wouldn’t know where to start.” Guess what? You don’t need a teaching background – just that little spark inside of you to give “it” a try. What is “it”? “It” is spending time on Sunday morning with the wonderful children of Jordan and letting them pour their happiness and joy into your lives – and you sharing your joy back to them. All the lesson plans are already set up for you and you work from them. Not sure about it? How about staying for a lesson one day and seeing what it’s all about? Hang out and “shadow” a few times and see if it’s a fit for you 😊.

***Youth Activities***

Keep your eyes open for information about upcoming Youth Activities! If there is something that your kiddos would like to be involved with here, get together and do with friends, or just try something new to you...please let us know! Reach out to Ingrid Martz at [livelaughlove823@yahoo.com](mailto:livelaughlove823@yahoo.com) subject line “YOUTH ACTIVITES”.

***New Members***

Anyone looking to become a member of Jordan or reinstate their membership should contact Pastor Dody as soon as possible to set up a meeting with her. New members will be received on **Sunday, October 10 during the 9:15 a.m. worship service.**

***Outside Workday***

is scheduled for Saturday, 9 October, starting at 8am. We have several trees along the back property line that need to be taken down. Please let Kevin Murphy know if you can help out at the workday on 10/9.



## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

### OCTOBER Birthdays

- 1: Irene Johnson, Ferne Rock\*, Stephen Toth
- 2: Janet Branch, Rachel Mikols
- 4: Erin Klotz
- 5: Elizabeth Berdahl, Ann Heller
- 6: Lucas Wendling
- 7: William German, Warren Gressley, Harry Tom
- 8: Donald Schmidt, Roger Wendling
- 9: Mia Kerschner,
- 10: Matthew Greenawald, Mary Loch, Desiree Safadi, Leigh Steckel
- 11: Robin Jensen
- 12: Kathleen Bacak, Matt Russell
- 14: James Sandrock
- 15: Braden Greenawald, Darwin Haas, Kristin Hlay
- 16: Brianna Christianson, Pat Klingman
- 17: Marius Safadi
- 19: Carol Nagle
- 18: Karen Freitag
- 20: Scott Moyer
- 21: Marge Clark, Rita Frey, Morgan McDevitt, Dean Wagaman
- 22: Alyssa Heller
- 23: Derek Crouthamel, Brian Shuey
- 24: Georgia Fay, Robert Frey, Mary Latham
- 25: Beth Kroboth, Ann Van Scyoc
- 26: Deb Gingerich, Chelsea Gingras, Shirley Miller, Lucas Pitts, James Rock Sr.
- 27: Carol Martin
- 28: Debra Benner, Nancy Steltz
- 29: Casey Fay, Andrew Heckman, Terry Naugle
- 30: Michael Freitag, Althea Hahn
- 31: Valerie Berdahl, Madelyn Grim, Brian Seidel

\*these folks are shut-ins and a card or note from you would surely brighten their day



### OCTOBER Anniversaries

- Oct. 18, 1958: Nancy & Woody Haas
- Oct. 22, 1960: Rita & Robert Frey
- Oct. 17, 1970: Patricia & Ronald Geiger
- October 17, 1970: Linda & John Posegay
- Oct. 6, 1973: Diane & Thomas Beitler
- Oct. 26, 1974: Priscilla & Dennis Nagy
- Oct. 11, 1980: Glenn & Marianne Wagner
- Oct. 25, 1980: Marlene & Donald Peters
- Oct. 16, 1982: Elizabeth & Robert Habermehl
- Oct. 16, 1982: Jeffrey & Rose Laudenslager
- Oct. 23, 1982: Skip & Lisbeth Brommer
- Oct. 12, 1985: Carol & David Rabenold
- Oct. 19, 1985: Beth & Karl Kroboth
- Oct. 14, 1995: Kelly & Paul McNemar
- Oct. 2, 1999: Lori & Chance Dreisbach
- Oct. 16, 1999: Carl & Debra Benner
- Oct. 7, 2000: Alice & Gary Schneck
- Oct. 7, 2000: Amy & Kevin Wikert
- Oct. 25, 2003: Heather & Matthew Parker
- Oct. 31, 2009: Pr. Dody & Jim Siegfried
- Oct. 18, 2018: Amanda & Tyler Keinert



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

**Fellowship Mnr:** Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel  
**Lehigh Commons:** Barbara Diehl, Howard & Janet Stettler  
**The Palmerton:** Ferne Rock  
**Artis Senior Living (Lemoyn PA):** Betty Gockley  
**Parkland Manor:** Herb & Anna Bieber, Paulette Bassler  
**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley, Loretta Hein

Happy Fall!



# October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower. -Albert Camus</p>					<p>1 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> w/communion 10:30 Sunday School  10:30-Property Com. mtg.</p>	<p>4 6:30-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn. Band</p>	<p>5 1:30-Game Day 5:30-Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>6 1:00-Outreach 5:30-Stewardship 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:30-Girl Scouts 6:15-Ringers</p>	<p>7 6:00-Exec. Com. 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class</p>	<p>8 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>9 8:00 am Property Work Day</p>
<p>10 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> New Members rec'd 10:30 Sunday School</p>	<p>11 6:30-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:00-Garden Club 8:00-Altwn. Band</p>	<p>12 6:00-Relaunch 7:00-End. Inv.</p>	<p>13 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Finance 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Ringers</p>	<p>14 7:00-Church Council 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class</p>	<p>15 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>16 9:00 am Youth Retreat</p>
<p>Monica vacation</p>						
<p>17 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> w/communion 10:30 Sunday School</p>	<p>18 6:30-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn. Band</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:30-Girl Scouts 6:15-Ringers</p>	<p>21 7:00-OE Anon.</p>	<p>22 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>Pastor Dody vacation</p>						
<p>24 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> 10:30 Sunday School</p>	<p>25 6:30-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn. Band</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Ringers 7:00-Music &amp; Worship</p>	<p>28 6:00-Sun. School mtg. 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class</p>	<p>29 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>30</p>
<p><b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> w/communion <b>Confirmation</b></p> 						



# SYNOD NEWS

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## CONGREGATIONAL LEGACY & PURPOSE

BY DEACON TRAVIS WOODFIELD

I have to admit, I'm a sucker for history, especially church history. I love learning about times in the past that I'll never get to experience, in places I can only aspire to visit. I've been fortunate to go to some of those places: I've stood in churches that were 1,000 years old across Europe and marveled at the engineering, been in the cradle of the Roman Empire, lived in New York City and Philadelphia, laid down, in the rain, in the grass of monasteries from 800 years ago that is now in ruins. In all of these places, I try to imagine what it was like to be part of a community from long ago. Sometimes it's easier than others, I know something unique about a place or I know how a building was built, but the end is the same- I am in a place, remembering what I can about it, being part of its history and life.

There is a cycle to these things. Empires come and go. Leaders and rulers come and go. Institutions come and go. All of these life cycles, being born, going through a growth period, living adulthood, moving into the twilight of life, and finally, death, are all part of our lives, whether on a personal or institutional level. Part of the incredible message of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is that death does not have the final word. However, no matter how much we try to avoid it, duck it, or deny it, death will have a word. Jesus himself understood that the only way to resurrection was through death - after all, if there's no death before resurrection, what we are really talking about is immortality, which is certainly not the Christian message.

These "deaths" can come in many forms in the church. Maybe it's moving a worship time, moving from 2 services to 1 so that the community might be one and ministry might be effective. It may be struggling with how to do "virtual" church in the time of a pandemic. Maybe it's letting a go special ministry that the church can no longer support with financial or labor. Maybe it's giving up a building to move to a building that fits the congregation. Maybe it's merging or closing.

The truth is that none of these realities, these deaths, are easy to imagine or even embrace. There is real grief, fear, anxiety, anger, and sadness that comes with even thinking about them. It's also true that we are not alone in these decisions. We do not know what resurrection may look like, but we know that it is Christ's promise. History always seems short when we are the ones participating in it. Christ sees the long view and, I think, wondering how we can participate in trying to see that long view is part of our call as a Christian. We cannot see the end but we can think and pray about what next, faithful steps may be. As a church, we have to start thinking about what those faithful steps might be, both as individuals, as a church, and as a synod.



Four years ago, I had the chance to go to the Isle of Iona in Scotland and visit the Benedictine abbey there, which is now a retreat center. Could a group of Benedictine nuns, living in the 1200's on a remote island of Scotland, possibly imagine that a guy from a land that had not been discovered yet to come visit their monastery? That, I would lay down, in the rain, in the ruins of their chapel, and imagine what it was like to worship there? 800 years ago, it would have been simply impossible to dream. What they did do was make faithful decisions that allowed that moment to happen and, even in the literal ruins of their communal life, there was a moment of that community's resurrection in my mind and heart, remembering them. As we move forward as a church, locally and as a synod, I pray that we can make faithful, prayerful decisions that are resurrection decisions and not immortality ones.



## Synod Staff:

STACEY  
BURKE

Stacey Burke is the Lutheran Center's receptionist and the friendly voice you will most likely hear when calling the Synod office. Her main responsibilities will be scheduling supply pastors and maintaining the database of congregations.

Stacey graduated with a graphic design and TV/Film degree and plans to use her positive attitude and creative mindset to fulfill God's work throughout the Synod office and beyond. Being an active member at Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville for over 30 years, Stacey has volunteered her time in various committees including youth group, Vacation Bible School, choir, orchestra, and worship arts.

Stacey is inspired daily by her husband Kevin and their new baby boy. They love spending time together as a family, which also includes a cat named Duncan and a dog named Red. Stacey resides in Bethlehem and enjoys attending art festivals and concerts. In her free time, Stacey likes to capture photography, play the guitar, perform in theater arts and spend time outdoors. She is very excited to have the opportunity to join the Synod staff, and she looks forward to growing within the Lutheran Center and watching God inspire and work all around her.