



As the Jordan Flows

A Newsletter for Jordan Family and Friends

April 2024

Dear Siblings in Christ,

A Blessed Easter to you and yours! Although the weather does not quite feel like it....Happy Spring too! Both Easter and Spring bring about thoughts of new life and new beginnings! Flowers spring into bloom bringing about new colors to our world and a sense of the earth being refreshed and renewed. I know many of us are eager to get rid of winter clothing and feel renewed with lighter clothing.

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

Here at Jordan, the church council is also ready to bring about a renewed spirit. It's been four years since we had to be isolated with covid. We have fared quite well compared to other churches in our area and we thank you for your continued commitment to serve the Lord through His church here at Jordan Lutheran.

However, like anything else in our life there comes a time to re-evaluate, to be renewed and refreshed in our ministry. At the March council meeting we approved contracting with Dr. Jill Peters to lead a workshop for our congregation on May 11, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to begin a revitalization conversation. You are being invited as an integral part of the conversation, so please mark your calendars now and plan on attending.

During the two-hour workshop we will break into teams and through interactive games, conversation and tools, we will explore our own value statements, our personal styles of how we communicate and work, what's important to us as a congregation, what's working and what is not, as well as what we want to be known for in the community and where/ how to move into the future.

Dr. Jill Peters has taught these concepts in Crossroads, the Lay Leadership Program at Moravian Seminary, and in Moravian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, UCC and Episcopalian congregations throughout the Lehigh Valley and beyond.

As we recognize our 290th Anniversary of ministry this year at Jordan Lutheran, it is a good time for us to evaluate and rejuvenate. Your participation is extremely important in this process and is for all who are interested in attending, but especially for any of our leadership (council, committee members and congregational members).

Please watch for further information to sign up for this important event for the future of our congregation. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday May 11th from 10 a.m. - 12 noon as we share together our hope and dreams for the future!

May God continue to richly bless each one of us and as a congregation to fulfill His mission and Word!

In Christ's love for and with you!

Pastor Dody

CHURCH COUNCIL

2024 Members

Doug Clark, *President*

Karen Boardman,

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Jeff Steiner, *Vice*

President

Julie Boscia

Ken Gross

Dan Heckman

Bill Hendricks

Kathy Leonard

Ingrid Martz

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John Weremedic

Glenn Wagner, *Treasurer*

EASTER BREAKFAST
7:00-9:30 am
in the Family Center
Pancakes & Sausage
Baked Goodies

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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Asst Organist: Janice Kistler

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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

Holy Week & April 2024

10:30 services are live streamed and available on
our website and Facebook page; Mid-week Lent, Maundy Thursday,
& Good Friday services also streamed

Palm/Passion Sunday (3/24)

Services begin on front lawn with procession (weather permitting)

8:00-Worship Service w/communion

10:30-Worship Service w/communion

Maundy Thursday (3/28) at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (3/29) at 7:00 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord (3/31)

6:30-Sunrise Service (cemetery, weather permitting)

8:00-Worship Service w/communion

10:30-Worship Service w/communion

Second Sunday of Easter (4/7)

8:00-Worship Service w/communion

10:30-Worship Service

Third Sunday of Easter (4/14)

8:00-Worship Service

10:30-Worship Service w/communion

Fourth Sunday of Easter (4/21)

8:00-Worship Service w/communion

10:30-Worship Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter (4/28)

8:00-Worship Service

10:30-Worship Service w/communion

April



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: May 19, 26; June 2, 9, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 28
Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or \$20/1 vase;
Bulletins for \$20.*

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HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 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 last service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins. 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 the previous year's sponsor.*

Please Note: On May 1st, the cost of flowers will increase to \$50/2 vases, or \$25/1 vase

Game Day

Twice a month, people from the congregation meet to spend an afternoon socializing by playing games, such as Mexican Train and Pinochle. While competing, there is always partaking of snacks which are brought in by attendees. This group has been meeting for about twelve years from September to May. We welcome anyone interested in spending time with fellow church members or friends of our congregation. For additional information, please contact Jean and David Adam at 610-395-4282, by phone or e-mail at jeadam@rcn.com.



On February 18, 2024, we welcomed the following into the fellowship of Jordan:

Carol Fredericks Fay James Kurtz
Julie McGowan
Bob & Holly Scheffler, Nora, Eva

We're so happy you have chosen Jordan as your church home and we look forward to getting to know you better!



June 9th at 10:30 a.m.
Mark Your Calendars!

Bring your family! Bring your friends! Enjoy an uplifting day of **Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun** in God's magnificent outdoors. Our 4 – F Celebration Service will be held at the Lone Lane Park Pavilion followed by a delectable lunch and enjoyable games. Sous Chef Hahn and his culinary staff will be providing a tasteful entrée and you will be asked to bring sides to share with others. We welcome your ideas of group games that we can enjoy and are looking for volunteers to oversee each game activity.

Anticipate additional information to be available soon. Questions, receptive volunteers or suggestions: Contact Kathy Leonard, 4 – F Coordinator. 610.597.4398

Council Highlights – March 14, 2024

Opened with Devotions by Pastor Dody

Approval of 2-8-24 minutes and the 3-14-24 agenda.

Correspondence: None

Welcomed two confirmands (part of their 2nd year confirmation requirements)

Staff Reports:

Pastor (written) – Reorganizational meeting for Outreach scheduled 4/7 @ 9:15 a.m.

- Membership Classes 4/28, 5/5, 5/12 @ 9:15 a.m.
- Confirmation Retreat will be 4/7 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. and 4/7 1p.m. – 3 p.m.

Dir Faith Formation (written) – Organizing April SS Fund Raiser for Gress Mtn Ranch w/tour on 5/5.

- Mother's Day Brunch 5/4 @ 10 a.m.
- VBS June 17-21st. Looking to recruit VBS Director.
- Sight & Sound Bus trip to see "Daniel" – Nov 28th. 52 seats/tickets available.

Committee Highlights:

Treasurer Report: (written) - Month of February actual showed a deficit of \$9,362 and the YTD actual deficit of \$4,503. Had some snow bills to deal with but Easter is coming in March!

Worship & Music – No report. Next meeting is May 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Technology: No report. Checking on phone system with company potentially transferring.

Property Report (written) – Post lights and electric box being replaced. Outside grounds cleaned up.

Heating system maintenance completed. Next meeting April 7th @ 9:15 a.m.

Outreach/Mission: No meeting. Kathy Leonard heading up 4-F Picnic June 9th @ Lone Lane Park

10:30 a.m. Reorganizational Meeting 4/7 @ 9:15 a.m. Pastor's Office.

Family Center (written) – No action required. Full schedule. Gratitude expressed to Sally and Monica for keeping it all going!

Christian Education – Confirmation Breakfast 5/19 @8 a.m. – Confirmation Service @ 9:15 a.m.

- SS Classes created Blessings bags for shut ins.
- Adult Sunday Class continues to watch "The Chosen."
- Egg Hunt March 30th. Stephany Heckman directing.

Finance – No meeting.

New Members – No meeting.

Pantry (written) – 28 households, 37 adults, 23 children, 27 elderly were served this month. (Up from last month).

Old Business:

-Summer Youth Program by independent community person – need more info.

- Church Insurance – Doug C. will follow up with Church Mutual and two other companies for review.

- Fire Drill – Being planned for the summer.

- Capital Campaign – Had one meeting. Will meet again 3/28 @ 6 p.m. Gathering project costs.

- Rising Roots - Appreciative of facility. Karen B. will work with them to renew the contract for 2024 - 2025. Looking to develop Native Plant Garden and add 1 hr for theatre program.

-Exploring dates with a consultant to lead a 2 hr workshop for leadership, staff and congregational members.

-Pastor requested May meeting be moved to Wed. May 8th. MSP

Closed with Lords' Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is **April 11, 2024**, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. All council meetings are open meetings and members are invited to attend. Full reports/minutes can be obtained in the church office. Monthly financial reports can be found in the information racks in the Memory Room and Narthex.



New Member Info Class

Meet in Pastor Dody's office on **April 28th at 9:15 am** if you are interested in becoming a member of Jordan or reinstating your membership. Two additional meetings will take place May 5th and 12th and new members will be received at a convenient date to be determined by the group. Please contact the church office or Pastor if interested.

Used Clothing Collection Update

This is the list of items we accept at our Clothing Collection Fundraisers:

- Clothing for men, women and children.
- Shoes. *(please bag shoes separately)*
- Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves etc.
- We take small toys (2 ft. or less).
- Stuffed animals, towels, sheets & pillowcases.
- Bikes & Strollers.

Items we don't accept:

- Quilts, comforters, pillows & blankets.
- Sport equipment (bikes are OK).
- No board games, books, puzzles, pots, CAR SEATS.
- No electrical devices or glass.
- No large toys, highchairs or baby cribs or scooters.
- VCR tapes, furniture and outdoor play sets.
- Bric and brac (picture frames, school supplies, phone cases, candles, cosmetics, gritting cards, plastic cups, food containers, baking accessories).
- Home and holiday decorations / pet accessories.

Outreach Reorganizational Meeting will be held on Sunday April 7th at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. This is an opportunity to see what Outreach all is about and the things we have done in the past. Please consider attending and joining the committee. For more info or if you are interested but unable to attend on April 7th, please contact Pastor Dody.

Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2024! June 17-21! Fun for kids of all ages!



Bear Creek Camp is a ministry of the Southeastern and Northeastern PA Synods of the ELCA. Located on nearly 3,000 acres in the beauty of the Pocono Mountains, Bear Creek Camp offers year-round opportunities, including summer residential youth camp, nature day camp, environmental education programs weekend camp retreats and group rentals.

Jordan's Endowment Disbursement Committee offers ½ campership to all Jordan members. You can get more information about camp by going the camp website www.bearcreekcamp.org, calling the church office, or speaking with Stephanie Derstine, Director of Faith Formation.



Jordan Lutheran Church Family Event Iron Pigs “Faith Night” Baseball Game

Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Iron Pigs Way, Allentown, PA 18109

Friday, June 7th, 2024
7:05 p.m.



VS.



\$30 per ticket – includes Picnic Patio seating & 2 ½ hour all-you-can-eat buffet

Gates will open at 5:45pm for a 7:05pm game – the buffet will open at 6:00 - 8:30pm

(\$5 parking not included)

Additional park information can be found at IronPigsBaseball.com

Please email Steph Derstine with questions at: jordandff@ptd.net

Please detach ORDER FORM below. Place form & payment in the offering plate, or send it to the church office. Note: IRON PIGS on the envelope.

Payable by cash or check to: Jordan Lutheran Church

ORDER FORM/PAYMENT DUE DATE: SUN., MAY 5, 2024



IRON PIGS ORDER FORM / PAYMENT

Print Name: _____ Phone #: _____

* Print Email: _____

*Digital tickets will be sent to your email. If you do not have email,
a paper copy will be printed and given to you at church.

Number of Tickets: _____ (Children 2 and under are Free)

 x \$30 Total due enclosed = _____

ORDER FORM/PAYMENT DUE DATE: SUN., MAY 5, 2024

Sunday School service project and field trip

Would you please help us collect the following
items to help the rescue animals
at Gress Mountain Ranch?

Canned pumpkin, Popped popcorn,
Gatorade Zero, and pine shavings

Gift cards to: Tractor Supply, Weis,
Costco, Bird Mania, Quakertown Vet

Collection dates: 4/7 - 4/28

Field trip to ranch: 5/5

12:00pm meet-up at Jordan and then we'll
caravan to the ranch with our donations.

Bring a brown bag lunch to eat
at the ranch before the tour.

The field trip will be wrapped up by 2:00pm.

FREE to all Sunday School kids,
Confirmants, and volunteers!

\$10/person for others interested
in joining us for the tour.





Join us for

Mother's Day Brunch

to celebrate all moms at Jordan Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 4th, 10:00 am

in the Memory Room

Time of Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Empty Nest Crafts, presenters

Christiane Heilman, Shared Testimony

\$5.00 per person collected at the door to cover expenses

A sign-up sheet will be in the Memory Room in April

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