

## As the Jordan Flows

A Newsletter for Jordan Family and Friends

**April 2022** 

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

During our midweek Lenten services our theme was "About Faith." Each week we explored faith through people like Noah, Abraham, the Israelites and Jesus as the perfector of faith.

We are living in tumultuous times, not knowing how the war in Ukraine will turn out, not knowing the ramifications it will have entirely on us and others around the world.

As people of faith, we continue to live in resurrection hope. As Mary Magdalene, along with the other Mary and other women and then later Peter (depending on which gospel) arrived at the tomb three days after watching their Lord Jesus suffer on the cross on Good Friday, thinking Jesus, their friend, was gone, only to return to the burial site and find the tomb empty.

As we gather on Easter morning, the tomb of death remains empty, for Christ has overcome death! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed and lives among us! Just as Jesus was revealed to those along the road to Emmaus and later to the eleven disciples, we know Jesus walks with us and gives us hope in our lives and in our world.

As Easter people of faith, we too are called to claim to a broken world that Christ is Alive! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!!! Alleluia!!!

CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE

A Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones!

Pastor Dody



#### CHURCH COUNCIL

2022

#### **Members**

Doug Clark - P
Karen Boardman - VP
Andrew Grim
Ken Gross
Dan Heckman
Bill Hendricks
Ingrid Martz - SEC
Andrea Russell
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Julie Williams

TREASURER is an open position

#### Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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#### STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dody S. Siegfried Administrator: Monica Unangst Dir. Faith Formation.: Stephanie

Derstine

Organist: Susan Hartney Asst Organist: Janice Kistler Inc/Exp Coord: [open] Bell Choirs: Susan Hartney 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

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE April 2022

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

## Fifth Sunday in Lent (4/3)

8:00-Worship Service w/communion 10:30-Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service (4/6)

#### Palm/Passion Sunday (4/10)

First Communion is received by students 8:00-Worship Service w/communion 10:30-Worship Service w/communion

## Maundy Thursday (4/14)

7:00 p.m. Service w/communion

#### Good Friday (4/15)

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

## The Resurrection of Our Lord (4/17)

6:30-Sunrise Service (cemetery, weather permitting) 8:00-Worship Service w/communion 10:30-Worship Service w/communion

## Second Sunday of Easter (4/24)

8:00-Worship Service 10:30-Worship Service w/communion



#### **2022 SPONSORSHIPS**

Altar Flowers: Apr. 3; May 22; June 5, 12, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 31

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or <a href="mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com">dhahn16@gmail.com</a> with your choice of dates(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.

## Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or \*\$20/1 vase\*; Bulletins for \$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 the previous year's sponsor.

## Acolyte Training

to be held on Sunday April 3rd at 11:45 a.m. (following the 10:30 worship service) in the sanctuary. All confirmation students (or youth in 5th grade and older who would like to acolyte) should attend. Acolyting is a requirement for all confirmation students. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Dody.



These children have been preparing to receive their first communion. They are learning about their heavenly Father and what it means to be part of his family. They learned how in sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again on that first Easter day, and how eating the bread and drinking the wine makes us one with him and brings us closer to each other.

These children will be welcomed to the Table of the Lord on April 10, 2022:

Devin Dreisbach, son of Lori & Chance Dreisbach
Nora Heckman, daughter of Stephanie & Dan Heckman
Savannah Smoyer, daughter of Terri Smoyer
Joshua Smith, son of Jessica Friday
Mark Shafer, son of Jennifer & Mark Shafer
Peyton Shafer, daughter of Jennifer & Mark Shafer
Spencer Deeney, son of Nikki Mark & Mike Deeney

God bless these young people!



Save the date! Come one, come all and enjoy an uplifting day of Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun in God's magnificent outdoors. On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:30 AM at Lone Lane Park **Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and you at the 4F **Celebration**. Following this special service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of hot dogs and hamburgers complimented by the sides and desserts you bring to be shared. Bingo and an **Uncake Walk** will follow! Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Eagerly stay tuned for all the exciting details to follow. See you then and there!!

## Council Highlights - March 10, 2022

Approval of 2/10/22 minutes and the 3/1/22 agenda.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports:

Pastor (written) - Confirmation spring retreat was held 2/26.

- Seven students in the First Communion Class will receive First Communion on Palm Sunday.
- Met with two parents of three new students to Confirmation and Sunday School.
- Family Promise weeks: May 1st, May 8th, Aug 21st, Aug 28th, Oct 9th, Oct 16th.
- Dir Faith Form : (written) Invitations sent to Sunday School parents on roles to attend SS.
- Confirmation Progress reports emailed to parents.
- \$403.44 was received from clothing drive for youth funds.
- \$200.20 was received from Souper Bowl Sunday for Jordan's Food Pantry.
- March 26th, 6:30 9:30 p.m. Family Movie Night
- April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Egg Hunt
- May 7th 10 a.m. 12 noon Mother's Day Brunch

#### Committee Reports:

Worship & Music (written) - Met Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Lenten/Easter schedules reviewed. Easter Sunrise at 6:30 in cemetery, 8 & 10:30 a.m. in sanctuary.
- Repair/replacement of Paschal Candle is being pursued.

## Technology

- Livestreaming continues and can be done remotely.

## Property (written)

- Received quote from Sterling \$15, 640 for painting of sanctuary eaves/bell tower. Some clarification needed. Will vote via email once answers received.
- Seeking info/quotes regarding replacement of elevator. Schindler parts difficult to acquire.

Outreach (written) - Toilet Paper Drive for Council of Churches = 399 rolls!

- Church Picnic planned for June 12th at 10:30 at Lone Lane Park.

Family Center (written) - 3 new community events scheduled.

- 5 active sports teams.

Safety Awareness Team - no report

Christian Education - next meeting April 5th.

Finance (written) - Reviewed and updated "Sunday Offering and Safe Keeping Procedures"

- Reviewed financial reports.

Treasurer's Report (written) - 2022 YTD deficit of \$13,572.00 and February YTD deficit of \$22,447 noting high property expenses.

Stewardship - next meeting 3/17.

For the Good of the Body/Comments/Concerns:

- Personnel will be interviewing candidates for I/E Coordinator.
- Painting Group and DAR requested usage space. Will draw up "agreement". MSP following meeting via email.
- Reviewed worship attendance. Service times will remain at 8 & 10:30 through end of May

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is April 7, 2022, (week earlier due to Holy Week) at 7 p.m. in person. 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 Members** - Pastor Dody will have a new member's meeting on *Sunday, April* **24th during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 a.m.** in her office. The purpose of the meeting will be to gather information and schedule future times for membership classes. Anyone interested in joining Jordan Lutheran Church should contact the church office 610-395-5912.



Dear Rev. Dody & Congregation,

WE APPRECIATE YOU! I can tell you how much appreciate your support of the Lehigh Valley's most vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities.

Here at Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley, our goal is to feed every Lehigh Valley senior and person with disabilities in need. We are proud to have continued service without interruption through the pandemic and we will continue to serve people in need for years to come with the help of generous donors like you!

Your generous donation of \$300 will go a long way to helping us make sure that happens.

Thank you once again for your donation. It means the world to us!

With gratitude,
Victoria Coyle, Chief Executive Officer
Meals on Wheels

I would like to thank the church members for their ongoing prayers and cards they have sent to me as I continue to face ongoing health challenges. The greetings really lift my spirits.

Jeff Toth

## 2022 EASTER TRIBUTES

To honor or memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it (along with your check or cash) to the church office or place in the offering plate *no later than Palm Sunday*. All tributes will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Additional forms are available in the foyer or church office.

Your Name	
Your phone number	Env. No
	Flowers (\$10.00 per memorial flower)
	Hunger Donation Memorial Fund Donation
	One tribute per form, please
In honor of (living)	
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In memory of (deceased)	
Ву	
For office use only – do not detach	
Easter Tributes	
NAME	
PHONE NO	
CHECK \$	CASH \$ ENV. NO
	FlowerHunger FundMemorial Fund





#### **BEAR CREEK CAMP**

#### Registration for Youth and Family Camps Is OPEN!!

Some sessions and age groups have historically filled quickly, so we encourage you to register early!

All campers who register before March 31st will receive an exclusive Early Bird T-Shirt when they arrive at camp featuring this year's theme logo!

If interested, please contact Stephanie Derstine.

Students can apply for campership fund from the Endowment Disbursement committee. Monica has the forms in the office.

> **Bear Creek Camp** 570-472-3741 3601 Bear Creek Blvd. Wilkes Barre PA 18702

https://www.bearcreekcamp.org/summer-camp/

#### Wild Abundance ~ BCC Summer 2022

Session 1: June 19 - 24

Session 2: June 26 - July 1

Session 3: July 3 - 8

Session 4: July 10 – 15 Session 5: July 17 – 22

Session 6: July 24 - 29

Session 7: July 31 – August 5

Session 8: August 7-12

Try Camp Sessions 1, 2, & 4 Family Camp - Session 3

# Mother's Day Brunch

Saturday, May 7th Ladies' time for food, fellowship & fun! Watch for more information.







**Our Confirmation Students and Adult Leaders loading** the collected clothing

Our thanks to everyone who has donated clothing to the Youth Clothing Collection. The youth benefit by using the profits for trips and activities. The bins are available to receive your donations all year long, one located in the office foyer and another in the Social Hall. Keep us in mind when you do your spring and fall clothing clean outs!

#### Outreach Involvement and our Mission

Commitment Statement: As we connect with people while demonstrating our faith through action, Jordan's Outreach is an activity of providing God's grace to any population who might not have access to these services. As a key component of Outreach, we are providing benevolent assistance at the locations where those in need are gathered whether it be within Jordan, in our community or around the world. Through our actions we transform lives, share God's Grace and promote hope in the name of Christ.

What a privilege it is to be a part of this organization. Recapping several of the Outreach milestones we have recently witnessed at Jordan...

- Our association with the Allentown Rescue Mission:
  - o Donation of 1500 bottles of beverages and over 50 pies to support their annual benefit spaghetti dinner
  - Making and transporting multiple hot lunches to feed their staff and the entire host Mission of men
  - o Inviting 14 Mission men to our 285<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration so they could experience stability in a church setting
  - Welcoming two brave Mission Men to share their journeys from drugs and imprisonment to redemption
  - o "Scrub-A-Dub" cleaning supplies collection
  - o Blanket Brigade; creating dozens of blankets for the Mission and other worthy organizations
- Our time and talent at 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter:
  - o "Sweet Dream" Sheet, Blankets and Pillow Collection Drive
- SOS caring cards
  - o 267 cards and notes of concern and accolades sent to our members in 2021
- God's Work Our Hands Celebration
  - o Lunch Bunch providing Brunch to support us while doing God's Work
  - Letter writing campaign to thank first responders and benevolent organizations for their tireless work
  - o Helping to wrap shoe boxes and filling them with special gifts for the less fortunate
  - o Caring hands tribute in recognition of Andrew Berdahl's ordination
- The Conference of Churches Toilet Paper Drive
  - o Jordan contributed 40% of all the rolls of tissue paper received from dozens of churches
- Prayer Shawl Committee
  - o Approximately 50 prayer shawls/lap robes made annually for the sick, baptisms, brides, cancer patients and new mothers
  - o Available upon request by contacting Monica or Shirley Schleicher

What is awaiting us in the balance of 2022?

- June 12<sup>th</sup>, 4 F celebration at Lone Lane Park
- July 10<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip to the Ocean Grove Choral Festival (only 34 seats available, reach out to family and friends)
- God's Work, Our Hands Celebration
  - o New activity: Preparing Weather Alert Bags for shut-ins and those in need
- "Build a Well" donation campaign to fund a well offering clean, fresh water in Africa to several remote villages

Each activity that we sponsor requires an essential element, the continued support and involvement from you. When you see an Outreach activity being posted, become involved as a partner. Let Pastor, Jim Siegfried, Shirley Schleicher, Caroline Flemish, Kathy Leonard, Glenn Hahn, Kay Mancke or me know that you would like to climb aboard and be included on the list of names to be called when the need arises. Or think about becoming a part of the committee that has done so much for the betterment of Jordan and our community. Becoming involved in the active Outreach program at Jordan should not be viewed as another obligation that we will have to work into our schedules. Simply put...It is what we have been asked to do.

#### The key points of the Outreach Commitment Mission include:

- Connecting with people
- Demonstrating our faith through our actions
- Providing God's Grace to those who may have *never* experienced His love
- Offering assistance in a non-judgemental way
- Stepping well beyond the brick and mortar walls of our building to serve others whether it be locally, nationally or globally
- Doing all of this with a passion in the name of Christ

Thank you. We appreciate you!! The Outreach Committee

## INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Meet Andrea Russell.** My husband, Matt, and I moved to the Lehigh Valley in 2000. We have two boys in college. Our oldest, Ethan, will be graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering from George Washington University this May. Our youngest, Gavin, is a sophomore and AirForce ROTC cadet at Utah State University, also studying mechanical engineering. I am a pharmacist and work at Lehigh Valley Health Network. Together, Matt and I own Kona Ice of Allentown, with Matt running all business operations for what will be extended to 3 trucks/franchises this season.

I enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, running, walking, snowshoeing, watersports, and just being active. When not working at the hospital, I have volunteered for the kids' sports and school activities, drive through flu clinics, food pantry scouting for food collection days, and served on Upper Macungie Township Parks and Recreation Board for 10 years. Occasionally, I get to help out in one of the Kona trucks.

Since joining the Jordan congregation about 10 years ago, I have served on the Call Committee that hired Pastor Dody, the Mutual Ministry Committee, the New Member Committee, and a number of Family Promise host sessions at Jordan. Most recently, I volunteered for a church council position and now serve as Stewardship Committee liaison for council. If you attend the 8am services, you will also see me as reading the lessons, as lector. We have happily settled into this congregation and become a part of the Jordan family. I enjoy the activities and opportunities to be involved, within our walls as well as the outreach into the community.

**Meet Bill Hendricks.** I worked as a sonographer (ultrasound technologist) at local hospitals for over 40 years. I currently work as a per diem sonographer at Muhlenberg Hospital. My wife, Linda is a retired nuclear medicine technologist. She has served as a Sunday School Teacher and VBS director in past years. Our daughter, Rachael, has her Doctor of Musical Arts in Clarinet Performance and is an adjunct Professor of Music at the University of Mobile in Alabama.

Here at Jordan I have served on church council over a period of 18 years (many as president or vice president) prior to being elected to council again. I am also a member of the Finance and Personnel Committees.

# Trip to Ocean Grove New Jersey Sunday, July 10, 2022

Do you like music? Do you like the shore?

Why not join us on July 10, 2022 following our 9:15 a.m. worship service to take the bus to experience this wonderful event? Feel free to invite family and friends, too! We will leave Jordan promptly at 11:00 a.m. and return around 11:00 p.m. When we arrive in Ocean Grove you will have free afternoon time.

- OCEAN GROVE -- otherwise known as GOD'S SQUARE MILE, has more Victorian homes than Cape May.
   Enjoy the afternoon strolling the town, sunbathing (beach wrist band is \$10, under 11 yrs free), or exploring
   the boardwalk and shops. OCEAN GROVE is a dry community. If you wish to enjoy an adult beverage, you may
   walk across the lake on one of the bridges into Asbury Park. Lunch & dinner is on your own you may want to
   consider calling ahead on this busy weekend.
- ASBURY PARK -- a half mile walk on the Boardwalk. See the Stone Pony of Bruce Springsteen fame.
- CHOIR FESTIVAL -- Since its debut in 1955 the Ocean Grove Choir Festival has remained one of the most popular sacred music events of the Mid-Atlantic region. This annual festival is held in July and features hundreds of singers, exciting guest conductors, a brass ensemble, and a magnificent pipe organ. The Great Auditorium is a historic building, built in 1894, a beautiful wooden structure. It's a wonderful event for guests of all ages. The concert is free!! A free will offering will be accepted midway through the performance. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. & is approximately 1 1/2 hours in length. We will leave to come home immediately following the concert (around 8:30 p.m.).

The cost for the bus is only \$40 per person (this includes driver tip) - only 34 seats available so do not wait! A bottle of water & a snack bag of chips will be provided for the bus ride, but you may wish to bring a sandwich for your lunch. Please return the slip below WITH YOUR PAYMENT by May 15<sup>th</sup> (checks made out to JELC - memo: Choral Festival). You may contact Jim Siegfried (610-762-0592) with questions.

Return this slip to the church office with your payment by May 15th!



## Trip to Ocean Grove, New Jersey Sunday, July 10, 2022



Name	
Phone (cell)	your cell # is needed while we are in Ocean Grove
No. of People x \$40 each = \$	_TOTAL ENCLOSED (checks made out to JELC – memo: Choral Festival)
DEADLINE TO RESERVE A	SEAT IS MAY $15^{TH}$ – only 34 seats are available!



# Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center

Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Sausage, Ham, Toast, Coffee, Tea, Juice Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Food Pantry. Any donations of baked goods would be appreciated!

Jordan Lutheran Church
Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 16, 2022



Registration opens at 9:30 am in the Family Center Event begins at 10:00 am (Rain or Shine)

Fun activities for children 12 years and under Creating crafts, jellybean and candy guessing, children's skit, goody bags and prizes to be found during the egg hunt.

Check the Memory Room for sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities at the Egg Hunt! Help us prepare for the Egg Hunt! Your past egg-stuffing was so successful that we want to do it again! We will gather in the Memory Room after both services on **April 10**<sup>th</sup>

# In search of people who are willing to share their musical talents! Singers and instrumentalists welcome!



Jordan Chorale meets in the Choir Room on Wednesday evening at 7:30 and sings at the 10:30 worship service. Instrumentalists are needed to play for Easter at 6:30 am in the cemetery and the 4F Celebration & Outdoor Worship on June 12 at Lone Lane Park. Also, singers have been asked to participate for special music that will be interesting, uplifting, and easy for the 4F Celebration. Please consider serving in these important ventures!



## Jordan Lutheran Church Family Event Iron Pigs "Faith Night" Baseball Game

Friday, June 17th, 2022
7:00 p.m.



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## \$11 per ticket - includes \$2 Ballpark credit

\_\_(\$5 parking not included)

(please note-this is a cashless ballpark)

Additional park information can be found at IronPigsBaseball.com Please email Steph Derstine with questions at: jordandff@ptd.net

Please detach section below, place form in the offering plate, or send it to the church office.

Note: IRON PIGS on the front of the envelope.

Payable by cash or check to: Jordan Luthern Church

DUE DATE: SUN., MAY 1, 2022

	Phone #:
Digital tio	ckets will be sent to your email.
If you do not have email, a pa	sper copy will be printed and given to you at church.
Number of Tickets:	(Children 2 and under are Free)
x \$1	1 Total due =

**Jordan Lutheran Church** 



# Easter 2022 - No Idle Tale

"I love to tell the story..." So goes the great old hymn. But the world is filled with stories today, that are tough to tell. As Covid lingers. As the war in Ukraine breaks our heart. What's next? And will it be worse? Just as much, I worry: can we trust each other anymore? Trust enough to share any kind of news, and believe it, together? Do we still hold in common, any of the assumptions, beliefs, and causes we used to share? Or is our world now filled only with suspicions and deceptions — "fake news" from all sources, on all sides?

On that first Easter Sunday, still overshadowed by Good Friday, bleakness and distrust were also all around. Even when those energized, overjoyed women burst in, announcing the most amazing thing they had ever seen and heard – HIS TOMB IS EMPTY! JESUS IS RISEN! – even then, "all the rest" dismissed their report as nothing more than "an idle tale" (Luke 24:11).

We are the church. We are called to be different. If the prevailing winds of our world today are seeking to blow us apart, the Holy Spirit winds us back together. God calls us to come to the places of sadness and sickness and doubt and despair – where all hope is dead and buried – and be ready to be amazed. Ready to see (and say!) what was dead – is now ALIVE. What was lost – is now FOUND. What was impossible – is now POSSIBLE. Real. True. And trustworthy. Jesus is risen, and we shall arise. The Bible prophets foretold it. Jesus said it, again and again. But almost nobody could trust it. Until God made it true, and sent people out to spread the word, the good news, the gospel. God is still sending us today. This Easter Sunday is like the first: a world full of doubt and distrust. A world full of conflict and separation. In the midst of it all, Christ is standing here with us. The Holy Spirit is in us and giving us courage. And God is making all things new, even now.

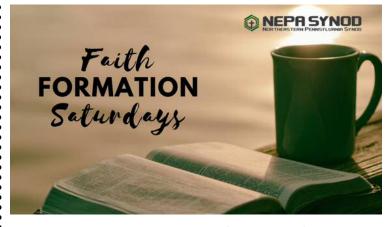
Jesus is risen, and we shall arise. Let us share this good news, for ALL people, for ALL creation. Holy God, give us the power to trust it, and to share it. Rebuild in us: trust in you. And through us: rebuild trust throughout our world, with justice, with peace, with faith, hope and love.

Blessed Easter to you and yours! Bishop Christopher deForest



Our 2022 Assembly will be held online on June 10-11. Each congregation is entitled to bring two voting members. If you are interested in attending the synod assembly as a voting member please reach out to your congregation's leadership for more information.





# Join us on the 2nd Saturday of every month!

(more information on our website)

# STEWARDSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA

JUNE 18, 2022
TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH, LANSDALE
AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE
SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS
(REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)



## APRIL 23 & 24, 2022, 1PM-4PM

RAIN OR SHINE, BAREBONES EVENT, BRING YOUR OWN KNIFE, CUTTING BOARD, DRINKS, AND SNACKS. WE'LL BE CUTTING THE SEED POTATOES FOR PLANTING SEASON! ALL ARE INVITED! JUST WALK-IN AND HELP!

BECKER'S ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 265 MAIDENCREEK ROAD FLEETWOOD, PA 19522

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