
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As old man winter continues to plummet the thermostat into the single digits and even a few nights of sub-zero temperatures, we finish out the month of February, in the liturgical church year, with the last few weeks of Epiphany. Epiphany is the season when God revealed Jesus to the world. As we have heard in our scripture lessons this past month, Jesus didn't always feel ready to be revealed or that it was the right time or that his identity had to be revealed in a grandiose way.

In fact, most of the time, Jesus revealed himself and his power in ways that many of us might overlook today. As we end the season of Epiphany, we will celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord (Feb. 27th), when Jesus climbs the mountain and is transformed into a dazzling white figure, leaving his companions Peter, James and John stunned and speechless by his appearance as God once again affirms Jesus as his Son.

I wonder in what ways you notice the presence of Jesus in your life? Where have you seen not only Jesus' presence but how have you seen the presence of Jesus transform your life. His power to transform your life may have happened gradually over the years or it may have happened suddenly due to an unexpected event in your life. Whenever or however the transformation took place, Jesus continues to transform us, to mold us into the person God desires us to be.

We often get caught up in the business of the world as God's voice gets silenced in the midst of the sounds thrown at us, and His presence becomes hidden in the repetitiveness of daily routines. I invite you to take time, to take in the beauty of the brisk winter days, to see God in winter's creation. I invite you to feel the warmth of God's presence in the smiles of people that greet you or know God's presence in the solitude of the silence of the early morning hours.

There are so many ways to see, hear, feel and experience the presence of God in our daily life. When we slow down to seek out God, God will reveal Godself to us and we may find yourself over time being transformed into who God desires us to be as God's precious son or daughter!

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

May we give glory to God for all His precious children (you!) and for God's willingness to transform our lives as we continue to grow and be shaped by His guiding hand!

With transforming love,
Pastor Dody

CHURCH COUNCIL

2022 Members

Doug Clark
Karen Boardman
Andrew Grim
Ken Gross
Dan Heckman
Bill Hendricks
Ingrid Martz
Andrea Russell
Donna Stark
Jeff Steiner
John Weremedic
Julie Williams

WORSHIP SCHEDULE *February*

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (2/6)

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany (2/13)

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

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (2/20)

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

Transfiguration of Our Lord (2/27)

9:15-Worship Service
Second Congregational immediately
following 9:15 service
[no Sunday School]

10:30 services will be live streamed and available on
our website and Facebook page

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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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

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2022 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or dhahn16@gmail.com 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 9:15 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 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.

Memorial Fund Donations recently received:

Cathie Morgan
Sandra Sponsler

Harry F. Smith
The Daniels Family

Betty Gockley
Carol A. Kuhns
Suzanne Clevenger

Anna Mari Martz
Patricia Shelton

Congregational Meeting



Second Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 27th

*Following one service
at 9:15 a.m.*

Annual reports will be reviewed,
and other congregational
business conducted.

Please have your annual committee reports into the church office by Feb. 13th. Reports will be distributed on Feb. 20th, one week prior to the Second Congregational Meeting on February 27th. **All groups** are encouraged to submit a report to gain a better overview of all activities at Jordan.

Winter Weather



IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, the most important thing is for everyone to be safe. Please do not travel to Jordan Lutheran Church for worship services or events if you feel doing so would be unsafe.

When Parkland School District cancels classes, please be aware that the church building is also closed to all meetings, sports and other activities, and generally includes the office.

Storms, blizzards, tornado warnings, power outages, damage to the facility, or a state of emergency that warns people to stay off the roads will also prompt building closures/cancellations.

Your best sources of information: our website, Facebook page, or a call to the church office to hear a voicemail message on weather status.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - January 13, 2022

Council Highlights - January 13, 2022

Approval of 12/9/2021 minutes and 01/13/2022 agenda.

Correspondence: Thank you from past-Bishop Samuel Zeiser (see note on pg. 5)

Officers for 2022 elected: President - Doug Clark; Vice President - Karen Boardman; Secretary - Ingrid Martz.

Pastor's Report - (written) - Hosting Family Promise on hold as they are currently being housed in hotels due to rising covid numbers.

- Ministries for Lent being planned as usual, incl Soup Supper, worship and Bible Study.
- Confirmation Retreat on site scheduled for Feb 26th (snow date March 5th)
- Rising Roots Coop for Home Schooling began 01/13/2022. Will meet on Thursdays 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. using Family Center and all of middle floor classrooms/social hall areas.

Dir of Faith Formation - (written) Confirmation evals will be sent out by end of January.

- Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon - Feb 13th following 10:30 a.m. worship service.
- Egg Hunt - Saturday April 16th 9:30 a. m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Faith Night at Iron Pigs - June 17th

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music - no meeting . Next meeting Feb 15th.

Technology - no meeting.

Property - Carpet shampooer needs to be replaced.

Outreach/Mission - (written) - assessed the 8 GWOH ministries done in 2021.

- Reviewed proposed ministries for 2022
- 4F Outdoor Worship/Picnic mtg planned for March 4th.

Family Center - 1 new sports group signed on for Wed nights.

Safety Awareness Team - no meeting, however in need of volunteers.

Christian Education - no meeting. Events captured in staff Dir FF report.

Finance - no meeting.

Treasurer - Balanced Treasurer's report received after meeting, showing Dec 2021 surplus of \$18,431 and 2021 YTD ending with a surplus of \$63,469.00 which includes the PPP income of \$47,400.

Still need a congregational member to serve as treasurer.

Relaunch - Recommend to council they disband for the time being. Council approved with gratitude.

Stewardship - No meeting. Next meeting via Zoom January 25th @ 6 p.m. members welcomed.

For the Good of the Body/Comments/Concerns:

- Discussed and divided up 2022 Offering envelopes not picked up, to be distributed by council members & pastor.
- Dean Wagaman requested up to \$2000 to support Family Promise housing costs in hotels. Motion to distribute the budgeted benevolence line item of \$1000 now and request Endowment Disbursement consider matching another \$1,000 at this time. Motion approved.
- Committee assignments and devotion list established.
- Will evaluate volunteer/attendance status at March council meeting to maintain two services.

Next regular council meeting is February 10, 2022, 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.



Dear Pastor Siegfried,

Jordan Lutheran Church has again contributed generously to the Samuel & Linda Zeiser Scholarship fund. What a thoughtful gesture of kindness! Linda and I extend our deep appreciation for the congregation's support of the Fund. It means a great deal to Linda and me. Please convey our gratitude to the members of Jordan's Congregation Council.

We send our very best wishes for a 2022 filled with the joys of community in Christ, with abundant opportunities to serve the gospel through deeds of compassion, and for renewed commitment to the ministry bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit for the sake of the Risen Jesus.

Sincerely,
Samuel Zeiser

Thank you and your congregation for your recent gift dated December 8, 2021, in the amount of \$300 directed to our Jubilee Ministry to the Homeless. We appreciate this generous contribution to the ministry and mission of Zion's Church. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Timothy Flores, Consistory President

On behalf of Family Promise Lehigh Valley, I would like to thank Jordan Lutheran Church for your very generous donation of \$500 given on December 8, 2021.

Our goal is to provide a continuum of care. This includes meals, lodging, case management, and mentorship to each family as they work towards self-sufficiency. Thanks to you we are one step closer to achieving this goal.

Sincerely,
Roslyn Kuba, Ex. Dir., Family Promise of L.V.

Dear Rev. Siegfried,

I am writing on behalf of the women, children, and families we serve to thank you for your generous donation to support PathWays PA. Your giving plays a critical role in helping us to continue to provide high quality services for the homeless mothers and children served through our Center for Families residential shelter.

Again, thank you for your gift. We appreciate your support now and throughout the year. We wish you and your loved ones good health, happy holidays, and a wonderful New Year.

With sincere gratitude,
Renee L. Toussaint, President/CEO PathWays

Dear Friends:

Thank you for supporting the work of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast PA with your recent donation of \$300. Your contribution will provide 1800 meals to our neighbors in need.

While your financial donation can be quantified, the impact it has on the lives of the people we serve is immeasurable. With the support of friends like you, we are able to provide nourishment to thousands each month through our network of more than 200 nonprofit member agencies across six counties.

Thank you again, for joining us to help end hunger in the Lehigh Valley and Northeast PA. Together, we are strengthening our community and making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Sincerely,
Maison Allen, Development Officer

Thanks to the Jordan family for all the cards, phone calls, and visits from Pr. Dody. They were greatly appreciated. It sure brings a ray of sunshine to have such a great Jordan family.

Thanks,
Clint Trumbauer

Lillian Semmel sends a big THANK YOU for all the wonderful Christmas cards she received from Jordan members.

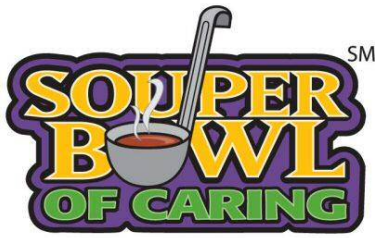


From the Director of Faith Formation

Join the Sunday School Team!

Teach kids how to play God's way. Volunteer to teach Sunday School once a month.

Volunteer to be a Sunday School teacher's helper! No lesson planning is required – unless you want to do so – you will simply be acting as a helper. Adults and confirmed high school students can participate in this great ministry! Adults 18 years and older must have clearances on file with the Director of Christian Education. Please contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net for more information or if you need help applying for your FREE volunteer clearances.



Game day is Sunday, February 13, 2022

Let's join together, February 13, after the 2nd service for a bowl of soup and sandwich. Please donate to a free-will offering and bring a can of soup to help our local community. The offering and cans of soup will be donated to a local charity with high need.

We are looking for your donations of a tray of sandwiches and/or a crockpot of soup (homemade or purchased!) Please use the online sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AFA929A6FCC61-souper> or email the soup/sandwiches you will bring to jordandff@ptd.net. Let's tackle hunger together!

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.

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

Bear Creek Camp

570-472-3741

3601 Bear Creek Blvd.

Wilkes Barre PA 18702

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

First Communion Instruction

All students grade 5 and older who have not yet received First Communion instruction are strongly encouraged to attend a series of three classes. **Class dates will be determined based on mutual agreement of the schedules of Pr. Dody and registered students.**



Please register *before February 20th* so that we have enough time to order materials. Students completing the instruction **will receive their First Communion on Palm Sunday (April 10th).**

Parents/guardians are expected to attend the first 15 minutes of the first class and the last half hour of the last class.

Please see the website under the Ministries/Faith Formation/Sunday School tab for a form, call the church office at 610-395-5912, or email jordanlutheran@ptd.net to register.



February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 10:00-Staff mtg. 5:30-Basketball 7:30-Volleyball	2 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 5:30-Soccer 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Girl Scouts	3 8am-5pm-Rising Roots School 6:00-Exec. Com. mtg. 7:00-OE Anon. 7:30-Volleyball	4 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball	5	
6 WORSHIP 8:00 -Communion & 10:30 9:15 Sunday School 6:30-AA Mtg	7 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn Band	8 1:00-Outreach 5:00-Chris Ed. 5:30-Basketball 7:30-Volleyball	9 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 5:30-Soccer 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers	10 8am-5pm-Rising Roots School 7:00-Church Council 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class 7:30-Volleyball	11 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball	12	
13 WORSHIP 8:00 & 10:30-Communion 9:15 Sunday School Souper Bowl Lunch 6:30-AA Mtg	14 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:00-Garden Club 8:00-Altwn Band	15 5:30-Basketball 7:00-Music/Worship 7:30-Volleyball	16 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 5:30-Soccer 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Girl Scouts	17 8am-5pm-Rising Roots School 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class 7:30-Volleyball	18 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball	19	
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27 WORSHIP 9:15 am NO Sunday School 2 nd Congregational Meeting (after 9:15 service) 6:30-AA Mtg	28 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn Band	<p>The 10:30 worship service continues to be streamed & you may watch on our website (www.jordanlutheran.org) or on our Facebook page (Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church)</p>					

**Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
 bind them around your neck,
 write them on the tablet of your heart.
 Then you will win favor and a good name
 in the sight of God and man.
 Proverbs 3:3-4**

A. S. A. P.
always say a prayer

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

Fellowship Mnr: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel

The Palmerton: Ferne Rock

Lehigh Commons: Howard & Janet Stettler

Lehigh Center: Barbara Diehl

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

Home: Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Jean Wisler, Ron Andersch, Jane Laudenslager, Jeff Toth, Sue Weber, Will Lutterschmidt, Shirley Schneider, Earl Williams



- 3: Ronald Kistler, Carol Wendling
- 6: Tara Cawley, Carol Derr, Braydon Epting, Landon Epting
- 7: Margaret Grover
- 8: Diane Crouthamel
- 10: John Evans Jr., Eleanor Gross, Tammy Krueger
- 12: Michael Martin, Kurt Oertner
- 14: Sandra Hoffman, Sue Weber
- 15: Haley DuBois, Andrew Gross, Ashley Helsey, Marc Posegay
- 17: Eleanora Heckman, Emma Kozy
- 18: Reinhard Knerr
- 20: Rachel Wagaman
- 21: Kenneth Benner, Erica Murphy, Marlene Peters
- 23: Melissa Greenawald, Sigrid Warke
- 24: Dennis Barr, Barry Nagle
- 25: Christopher Fish
- 26: Sean Warrington
- 27: Barbara Kreidler
- 28: Charlotte Horn



- Feb. 17, 1973: Elaine & James Kurtz
- Feb. 20, 1982: Kathy & Bruce Leonard
- Feb. 7, 1977: Jeffrey & Judy White
- Feb. 14, 2004: Fred & Terrie Weidman
- Feb. 26, 2016: Jenny & Jeff Hartz



2022 Lenten Bible Study: The Journey to Jerusalem



Our Lenten Season will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. I would like to offer a devotional Bible Study, "The Journey to Jerusalem: A Story of Jesus' Last Days," by John Pritchard. The author explores The Gospel of Luke through the eyes of the disciple John.

Participants will read on their own daily assigned scripture and reflections. During class time, together we will discuss what we read and how Jesus' journey reflects our journey during the Lenten Season.

Two session times will be offered: Wednesday evenings from 7:45 – 8:45 pm or Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, 9:15 – 10:15 am. Wednesday sessions will begin on March 9th through April 13th. Sunday Sessions will begin March 6th through April 10th.

Please fill out the form below indicating your class session preference. Books have been ordered so reserve your place now!

Looking forward to journeying to Jerusalem with you!

Pastor Dody

2022 Lenten Bible Study: The Journey to Jerusalem

Please register as soon as possible

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

_____ I prefer to attend the Wednesday evening sessions/March 9th – April 13th, 7:45-8:45 pm

_____ I prefer to attend the Sunday morning sessions/March 6th – April 10th, 9:15-10:15 am

_____ I cannot attend either time but would like to be informed of future adult learning opportunities.

Best time to attend: _____ Sunday mornings

_____ Wednesday mornings

_____ If weekday, state preferred day _____

**We are in need of someone to coordinate the Wednesday Evening Lenten Soup Suppers
Please speak with Pr. Dody or call the church office if you can help!**