
Dear Sister & Brothers in Christ,

I have a small cross that hangs from my desk light at home in my office. The saying on it comes from Jeremiah 29:11, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

As we begin a new year we often look back to remember how the previous year played out. The year 2021 was a very challenging and exhausting year, to say the least. It is easy to go down the road of doom and gloom, if we allow ourselves to do so. However, nothing can be all doom and gloom, there is always good that happens, if we but seek it out, looking for the good in all things.

As the pages of the calendar turn to a new year, we often say we hope that the new year is better than the last, as if our lives begin anew on January 1. Along with the turning of the page of the new year we hope for so much; we hope for good health, for our loved ones to be happy and live long lives, we hope for prosperity and changes for better lifestyles in our habits, to name a few.

However, as our life continues as it may, whether the calendar changes pages to a new year or not, our hope does not come from a calendar but comes with the one whom we celebrated on Christmas. The magi who arrived twelve days after the birth of Christ found a renewed sense of hope in a world that had its own struggles and challenges. We observe the manifestation of Christ to the magi on January 6th which is known as Epiphany.

In our baptism we are reminded of the new hope that is given to us through Christ. As we take time each day to remember our baptism, we also take time to reflect on our faith and personal growth, observing our own epiphanies, the places where Christ shines through in our life, especially when those doom and gloom days try to creep in.

Christ indeed has plans for each of us this New Year in 2022! I pray that the promises of Christ bring you a joyous, happy, healthy, new year filled with new hope for your future in 2022!

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

God's Blessings and Peace Always!

Pastor Dody

CHURCH COUNCIL

2022 Members

Doug Clark
Karen Boardman
Andrew Grim
Ken Gross
Dan Heckman
Bill Hendricks
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Andrea Russell
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Jeff Steiner
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Inc/Exp Coord: Barbara Carinci
Bell Choirs: Susan Hartney
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

January

Second Sunday of Christmas (1/2)

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

Baptism of Our Lord (1/9)

8:00-Worship Service
10:30-Worship Service w/communion
Council Installation at both services

Second Sunday after Epiphany (1/6)

8:00-Worship Service w/communion
10:30-Worship Service
(snow date for Council Installation)

Third Sunday after Epiphany (1/23)

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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (1/30)

8:00-Worship Service
10:30-Worship Service

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



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.



Anyone looking to become a member of Jordan or reinstate their membership should contact Pastor Dody or the church office as soon as possible to set up a meeting with her. New members will be received on **Sunday, January 30th, at both services.**

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 - DECEMBER 9, 2021

Approval of 11/1/2021 minutes and 12/9/2021 agenda.

Correspondence: None

Pastor's report: (written) - preparations for December services including Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve.

- Info for Re-Boot Revitalization of congregations synod workshops distributed via email.

Dir of Faith Formation: (written) - recruiting more teachers for 2nd team rotation.

- S.S Christmas program Dec 12th under way.
- Family Christmas Caroling planned 12/18
- Souper Bowl Sunday luncheon 2/13 following 10:30 worship.

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music - no meeting.

Technology - continue to schedule people to run Livestream for worship.

Property - no report - Thank you to Kevin Murphy for serving as chair and resigning at end of the year. We welcome Jeff Laudenslager as new chair of Property.

Outreach/Mission - no meeting.

Family Center - (written report) - 5 active sports teams; 3 community usages and 1 member usage.

Safety Awareness Team - no meeting.

Christian Education - Synod educational event - Learning Ministry Days 1/22/2022.
Info to teachers.

Finance - no meeting. Reviewed report via email. No Nov. monthly expenses shown for Dir of Faith Formation.

Treasurer's Report - (written) - Indicates Nov. 2021 balance is \$9,220 and YTD is \$44,673, which includes the income of \$47,400 from the forgiven PPP loan.

- Discussed the need yet for a treasurer who needs to be a member of the congregation.

ReLaunch - next meeting in Jan.

Stewardship - no meeting.

For the Good of the Body/Comments/Concerns:

Reviewed 12/12/2021 congregational meeting agenda.

Set date for installation of council for Sunday, Jan 9th at both services.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Next regular council meeting is January 13, 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.

Thank you

Dear Christian kin of Jordan Lutheran Church,
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For your prayers, encouragement and financial support of Camp Noah '21 in Berks County! Through these gifts you helped build up the body of Christ well beyond our Oley Fairgrounds host site! As you may have seen the Aug. 6th Reading Eagle article, our campers, an equal group of on-site volunteers supported by many organizations/individuals made it possible to share our covid experiences, griefs, changes along with ways we've experienced hope and the resilience of new discoveries...and we played, ate and laughed together! The week was so wonderful that kids and families asked to do this again. A 10-year-old from Wernersville stated: "This camp has been a real blessing."



Thank you,
Rev. Rebecca Knox, for Camp Noah '21

Dear Friends of Jordan Lutheran,



A note of thanks for your continued support of Bear Creek Camp. Fall is a wonderful time at camp and we remember fondly the life-changing work of this past summer and turn towards preparations for the next. Your gift creates moments of growth, like a camper learning how to kayak for the first time and opportunities for community like our cabin group praying together at the closing bonfire. Thank you for your partnership in life-changing ministry.

Hope to see you at camp soon!
Collin Grooms, Exec. Director

Dear Jordan,

Thank you so much for being my church home and raising me in the faith. I was moved by your support throughout seminary. I am enjoying my first call at Advent Lutheran in York. It is such a blessing to serve in ministry and I am beyond grateful for your prayers, financial support, and overall warmth. You will all be in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Andrew Berdahl



Herb & Anna Bieber send their thanks to the congregation for all the cards they've been sent and for those who have stopped by to visit since they moved to Parkland Manor.



SOS is asking for your donations of postage stamps. This group (Shout Out to Shut Ins) is a branch of our Outreach Committee. They also send birthday, anniversary and get-well cards to members. If you've ever received one, you know how much it can mean to be remembered by your church family, both in times of joy and during difficult ones. You can drop your stamps off in the church office or place in the offering plate and we'll see that the SOS group gets them. Thank you!



From the Director of Faith Formation

Clothing Drive Continued in 2022!!!

Jordan Lutheran's youth will continue their clothing drive in 2022!!! Please bring your donated items to the church and place your bags in the available bins located at the Office Entrance and the old Social Hall during the following available drop off times:

Sunday mornings before worship

Mon. – Fri. - 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Up-Coming DROP OFF DEADLINE: January 31, 2022

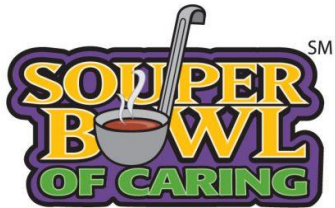
The following items are accepted: Gently used clothing & shoes (men's, women's & children's), purses, belts, backpacks, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, blankets, tablecloths, bed sheets, curtains & drapes, pillows, towels, quilts, comforters, stuffed animals, soft and hard children's toys and bicycles. No other items will be accepted.

Questions?? Contact Stephanie Derstine.

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

Game day is a great time for the Jordan Lutheran team to tackle hunger in our community. Please plan to attend a Soup and Sandwich lunch in the Family Center after the 10:30 a.m. service with a freewill donation. Your generous monetary donation will be shared with a local charity and to support Jordan Lutheran youth events.

In addition, specific pantry donations will also be encouraged for Jordan's Food Pantry during the month of January up to game day (a list of specific donations will be forthcoming). Let's give this a 'souper' team effort to tackle hunger in our community. Please contact Stephanie Derstine, Director of Faith Formation, with questions.

Registration for Youth and Family Camps will open on Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 8:00am!

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.

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

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

More pictures of Our Congregation!



Holiday Hope Chest boxes contributed by Jordan members



Delivering the boxes



Rev. Andrew Berdahl with parents, Valerie & Jeff



Delivering donated bedding to 6th Street Shelter



The Brunch Bunch



Blanket Brigade making a delivery



FAITH IN ACTION



January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>If winter comes, can spring be far behind?</i> -Percy Bysshe Shelley</p> 						<p>1</p> 
<p>2 WORSHIP 8:00-Communion & 10:30 NO Sunday School 6:30-AA Mtg.</p>	<p>3 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 10:00-Staff mtg. 1:00-Outreach 5:30-Basketball 7:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>5 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Girl Scouts</p>	<p>6 6:00-Exec. Com. mtg. 7:00-OE Anon. 7:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>7 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>8 Youth Room reserved</p>
<p>9 WORSHIP 8:00 & 10:30-Communion Installation of Church Council Members (both services) 10:15 Sunday School 9:00-Property Com. 6:30-AA Mtg</p>	<p>10 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn Band</p>	<p>11 5:30-Basketball 6:30-Exec. Com. 7:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>12 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 5:30-Soccer 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers</p>	<p>13 8am-4pm-Rising Roots School 7:00-Church Council 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class 7:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>14 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 WORSHIP 8:00-Communion & 10:30 10:15 Sunday School 6:30-AA Mtg</p>	<p>17 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn Band</p>	<p>18 5:30-Basketball 6:00-Relaunch 7:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>19 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 5:30-Soccer 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Girl Scouts</p>	<p>20 8am-4pm-Rising Roots School 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class 7:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>21 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 WORSHIP 8:00-Communion & 10:30 10:15 Sunday School 6:30-AA Mtg</p>	<p>24 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn Band</p>	<p>25 5:30-Basketball 7:00-Groundhogs 7:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>26 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 5:30-Soccer 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers</p>	<p>27 8am-4pm-Rising Roots School 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class 7:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>28 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 WORSHIP 8:00 & 10:30 10:15 Sunday School New Members Rec'd Family Center res'd 6:30-AA Mtg</p>	<p>31 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn Band</p>	<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>				

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, Fred Weidman, Jeff Toth, Sue Weber, Will Lutterschmidt, Shirley Schneider



January Birthdays

- 1: Shirley Hamm, Beverly Ruppert
- 2: Aaron Wertman, Nicholas Wertman, Jean Wisler
- 3: Vicki Christianson, Gene Hahn, Christopher Hamil, Todd Heller
- 4: Sandra Hamil
- 5: Delbert Koch
- 6: Kyle Christianson, Dylan DuBois, Linda Hendricks, Lyndsey McGrevy
- 7: Karen Hahn, Shirley Moyer, Gavin Russell
- 8: Bonnie Albright, David Knotts
- 9: Louise Stettler
- 10: Joan Dubois, Tyler Keinert, Lori Shortell
- 13: Christopher Boscia, Stephen Laudenslager
- 14: Aubrey Filipovits
- 15: Marie Mikols
- 16: Ulla Martz, Sawyer Martz-Shelton, Taylor Shortell
- 18: John Hivizdak, Harrison Rakos, Luke Serensits
- 19: Abigail Serensits
- 20: Grace-Anne Martz-Shelton, Donald Miller
- 22: Michael Fay, Paul Schenck
- 23: Bruce Stettler
- 24: Grace Haas, Priscilla Nagy
- 25: Joseph Flemish
- 27: James Brezack, Mark Jensen
- 28: John Richebacher
- 29: Jillian Miller, Clinton Trumbauer
- 31: Lee Green, Justin Grim, Kelly Kulp



January Anniversaries

- January 30, 1972: Chris & Robert Heilman
January 15, 2006: Carina & Tom Epting

