
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we approach this year's Lenten Season the words of the Prophet Isaiah provide us with guidance and hope in a world that is attempting to come out of the past two years of isolation as we find our way into a new being. "See I am doing a new thing" are the words found in Isaiah 49:19.

We often find ourselves reacting to situations without much thought or responding day in and day out with the normal routine that is familiar and comfortable for us. During Lent we are called to enter into the practice of prayer, reflection and renewal. As we do so, we will see how God is at work within us and around us. We are invited to experience the transformation God is attempting in our lives, if we but get out of God's way and let God do a new thing within us.

Life happenings often get in our way of taking time to attend worship or be in community with others of our faith. Not only are we as individuals trying to understand how our lives have been changed over these past two years due to the pandemic, but how has it changed your relationship with God? How has it changed your faith and/or practices of faith?

This year during Lent in our Sunday scripture readings we will hear how God revives, rebuilds, redeems, renews and restores God's people as they struggled with their relationship and being obedient to their creator.

The faith community at Jordan is also experiencing the same sense of the six "re" themes expressed in our scripture readings, as we return to more in person events, restore past services, programs and ministries as well as explore new ways that God is calling us to be church.

It takes each of us to conduct the ministries at Jordan as we seek to understand how God is doing a new thing(s) here at Jordan. As a community of faith, we made it through the pandemic keeping our head above the challenges. For that I give thanks to God and to each of you!

I invite you now to return to your faith community at Jordan Lutheran as God provides us with a sense of new hope in, around and through us, for indeed, "See God is doing a new thing!"

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

In living hope of our God,
Pastor Dody

CHURCH COUNCIL

2022

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Ken Gross

Dan Heckman

Bill Hendricks

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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 – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE

256

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 2022

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

Ash Wednesday (3/2)

7:00 p.m. – Service with Communion & Imposition of Ashes

First Sunday in Lent (3/6)

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

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service (3/9)

Second Sunday in Lent (3/13)

Daylight Savings Time begins – change your clocks!!

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

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service (3/16)

Third Sunday in Lent (3/20)

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

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service (3/23)

Fourth Sunday in Lent (3/27)

9:15-Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service (3/30)



2022 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: Mar. 6, 20, 27; Apr. 3, 10; May 15, 22, 29

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.

"Thrivent Choice" DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THRIVENT ACCOUNTS

Start 2022 on a generous note! If you haven't already, you can still direct 2021 Choice Dollars® before they expire*! With over 45,000 organizations to choose from, you can make an impact on the causes you care about most. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back!

If you have any questions about directing Choice Dollars or making a personal donation, contact our call center at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

* 2021 Choice Dollars expire on 3/31/22.

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, on March 6th, 13th and 17th from 1 – 3 p.m. [April 3rd is reserved as a make-up date] Please register ASAP so that we can be sure to have enough 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 call the church office or speak with Pr. Dody if your child has not yet registered.



Holden Evening Prayer Services

Mid-Week Lenten Theme: Faith

*March 9th – The Faith of Noah
Hebrews 11:1-7*

*March 16th – The Faith of Abraham
Hebrews 11:1, 8-22*

*March 23rd – The Faith of Moses
Hebrews 11:1, 23-28*

*March 30th – The Faith of the Israelites
Hebrews 11:1, 29-40*

*April 7th – Jesus, the Perfecter of Our
Faith
Hebrews 12:1-12*

Council Highlights - February 10, 2022

Approval of minutes of 01/13/2022 and 02/10/2022 agenda.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports:

Pastor: (written) - NEPA Synod Assembly June 10th/11th virtually. Need male/female delegates.

- First Communion Class scheduled for March. Receive on Palm Sunday.
- Need 1-2 people to organize Lenten Soup Dinners or may have to cancel.

Dir Faith Formation: (written) - Sunday School Teachers meeting held

- Sending letters to student who are o currently attending.
- Planning variety of events.
- VBS planned for June 20th - 24th.

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music: Will meet February 15th.

Technology: No meeting.

- Seeking prices for new phone in sacristy and Family Center kitchen to be compatible with new system.
- Working to update Live stream for worship to be remotely accessible to operate off site.

Property: (written) - Water heater issues.

Outreach: (written) - met February 18th via zoom.

- Promote Lehigh Conference of Churches Toilet Paper Drive. Food stamps do not support the purchase for clients.
- Early Dawn Easter breakfast being planned April 17th.
- 4-F Meeting to plan church picnic will be held March 8th 1 p.m. Picnic June 12th.

Family Center: (written) - 5 adult teams/2 youth teams/ Allentown Band continue to rehearse Mon p.m. through March.

- Trade - O- Ree Boy Scout Memorabilia event April 2nd 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Rising Roots graduation May 14th 11 - 5 p.m.

Safety Awareness Team (SAT) - ne meeting. Team questioned viability of team. Need more members.

Christian Education - Met February 3rd.

- Movie night planned for March 26th.
- VBS being planned. Amber Kerchner will serve as coordinator.

Finance- (written) met Feb 9th

- Annual Financial statements will be sent to all members regardless of contribution amount. Quarterly statement will be available upon request.

Treasurer Report: Balanced Treasurer's report received after meeting, showing January 2022 surplus of \$8,669.

- Still need a congregational member to serve as treasurer.

Stewardship: (written) - Anonymous Prayer Partners planned throughout Lent.

- Asking committees to do creative temple talks to inform congregation of purpose.
- Next meeting March 17th.

For the Good of the Body/Comments/concerns:

- Constitution Task Forced needed to update constitution etc.

- CPR classes - request approved to reimburse members up to \$45 for CPR classes and to add name to contact list for emergency in congregation.
- Approved 2nd congregational Meeting agenda.
- Reviewed and approved removal of those who have not participated in life of congregation in 2019,2021 (2020 was not used due to covid)
- Regretfully and with much prayers accepted Barbara Carinci's resignation as Income/Expense coordinator due to health reasons.
- Accepted Darrell Correll's offer to serve as interim I/E. Personnel has been notified to place ad asap.

Next regular council meeting is March 10, 2022, at 7 p.m. in person 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.

*Gifts to the Jordan Lutheran Memorial Fund
In memory of Ruth Kemp*

David & Kay Mancke
John & Catherine Fegely
Lynn & Tom Daniels
Frances A. Correll
Lee & Babara Kreidler
Juliana Boyer
Louis Molnar
Ila Dietrich
Donald & Bernadine Schumaker
Carol A. Kuhs
Mary A. Bealer
Randall & Mary Anne Fronheiser
Bruce Stettler
Catherine Fegley

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

Income-Expense Coordinator – Part time position, 6-8 hrs/wk, accounting/bookkeeping exp, exp using accounting software/PowerChurch a plus, excellent communication skills, able to maintain confidentiality, perform standard accounting I/E duties such as income/expense, general ledger, payroll, willing to complete background check. Send resume to Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd, Orefield 18069 or jordanlutheran@ptd.net

ANNUAL
Reports

The 2021 Report been emailed to members who are on the church email list and is available to view on the website (worship tab).
When you view the report online or print at home it helps us keep costs down!
A limited number of paper copies are available at church (one per family, please).
Let us know if you would like to be added to the congregational email list!



Roger Schoemaker sends his thanks for all the cards he recently received at Christmas and Valentine's Day!

Dear Endowment Committee,

I wanted to thank you for the generosity of the scholarship money for this year and the past three years. I will be graduating this spring with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Your support has been very much appreciated.

Will Kroboth

Thank you so much for your gift of \$500. Your generous donation helps us feed, shelter and provide programs to help end homelessness. We are so grateful for your support!

With sincere gratitude,
The Allentown Rescue Mission

Thank you for your generous donation to the Sixth Street Shelter. We sincerely appreciate the partnership of friends like you as we help families improve their stability, self-sufficiency, reliance, and quality of life. You are an important part of our work, and we are truly grateful for your involvement and support.

Thank you for your generous donation of bedding and linens to the Sixth street Shelter. The Shelter has been serving families with children who are experiencing homelessness for over 30 years.

Julie Huber, Development Officer
Sixth Street Shelter

Thank you for your generous donation to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. Our ability to find triumph in adversity last year was the result of a community that came together and believed in our mission and work to end domestic and intimate partner abuse in the Lehigh Valley. Our donors are the reason we were able to provide 19,904 nights of safe shelter last year to 181 adults and 136 children. It is because of your support that we can continue to be a place of refuge for countless more survivors and their families in 2022.

Lori Sywensky, Executive Director
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley

Thank you so much for your gift to Bear Creek Camp.

Charissa

Thank You to our Jordan Family for their many kind words, well wishes, & encouragement after my recent accident(s).

Thank you,
Chris Heilman



Thank you to a member of the church community who recently donated a Christmas tree to Jordan church.

The tree, now located in the Memory Room, will be decorated seasonally by our Sunday School children, Confirmation class students, and church groups, however, anyone may add an ornament or note to the tree if they feel led. The themed, seasonal tree is to be a reminder of our celebrated and remembered holidays, events, and seasons. May those who decorate the tree bring a gift of love to others, sharing seasonal times of hope, joy, love, peace and comfort throughout the year.



From the Director of Faith Formation



Family Movie Night

Saturday, March 26 @ 6:30 pm on the middle floor area...pizza, popcorn and the movie, "Encanto." Join us!

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 Faith Formation. Please contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net for more information or if you need help applying for your FREE volunteer clearances.

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



Thank you to all the members of the congregation who made our (postponed) Souper Bowl Soup & Sandwich Luncheon a huge success:

- Those who came out for the lunch
- Those who donated soup/sandwiches
- Everyone who donated money in our soup pot collection
- \$191.20 was raised!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT, MARCH 26

Family Movie Night
Encanto
6:30pm

Pizza dinner included!

SAT, APRIL 16

Easter Celebration/Egg Hunt
10:00am

(Help needed Sun, 4/10
@ 9:15am to fill eggs!)

SAT, MAY 7

Mother's Day Brunch
10:00am

Ladies time for food,
fellowship, and fun!



FRI, JUNE 17

Faith Night at the Iron Pigs
7:05pm



JUNE 20-24

Vacation Bible School
9-11:45am
(Ages 3 – 5th Grade)

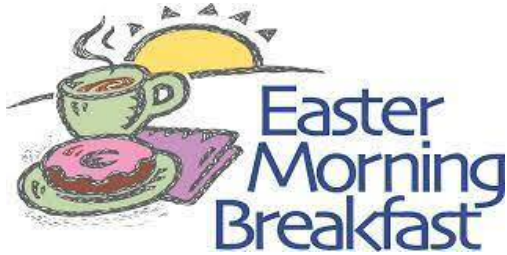


Please save the dates for these fun events – hope to see you there!
Email Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net with any questions.



We are pleased to offer a new way to gather together for fellowship during the Lenten season. We will be offering **Fellowship time at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings prior to our 7:00pm mid-week Lenten services.** Light volunteer help and a few food donations would help to make this a success. Please see our sign-up genius link which came through the email from church OR sign up on the paper copy which is available in the Memory Room. The e-version of the sign-up will be updated every week to reflect sign-ups that are made on the paper copy from the Memory Room. **Watch for an email tomorrow!** Please reach out to Ingrid at

livelaughlove823@yahoo.com or 610-739-1026 with any questions or recommendations. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



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!



Saturday, March 26 @ 6:30 pm - Look for us on the middle floor!



**4-F Celebration
OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC
at Lone Lane Park
June 12, 2022**

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)

In memory of (deceased)

By _____

For office use only – do not detach

Easter Tributes

NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____

CHECK \$ _____ CASH \$ _____ ENV. NO. _____

Please check: Flower Hunger Fund Memorial Fund



March 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 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers 7:00-Ash Wed. Worship Service	3 8am-5pm-Rising Roots School 5:00- SPYAA B. Ball 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 1-3 pm 1 st Com. Class 6:30-AA Mtg	7 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn Band	8 1:00-4-F Mtg. 5:30-Basketball 7:30-Volleyball	9 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Girl Scouts 7:00-Lenten Service*	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 1-3 pm 1 st Com. Class  6:30-AA Mtg	14 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:00-Garden Club 8:00-Altwn Band	15 5:30-Basketball 7:30-Volleyball	16 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers 7:00-Lenten Service*	17 8am-5pm-Rising Roots School 6:00-Stewardship ^{zoom} 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class 7:30-Volleyball	18 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball	19
20 WORSHIP 8:00-Communion & 10:30 9:15 Sunday School 6:30-AA Mtg	21 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Altwn Band	22 5:30-Basketball 7:30-Volleyball	23 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Girl Scouts 7:00-Lenten Service*	24 8am-5pm-Rising Roots School 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class 7:30-Volleyball	25 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball	26 <i>6:30pm Family Pizza & Movie Night</i>
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*Wednesday Evening Holden Evening Prayer Services at 7:00 p.m.
Join us prior to worship for Fellowship & Snacks in the Memory Room at 6:30!

The 10:30 worship service continues to be livestreamed & you may watch on our website (www.jordanlutheran.org) or on our Facebook page (Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church). Services remain available to view until the next week.



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, Margaret Smith, Jane Laudenslager, Will Lutterschmidt, Earl Williams, Lucille Laudenslager, Chris Heilman, Jeff Laudenslager, Ted DuBois



March

BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Karen Boardman, Tighe Parker
- 2: Thomas Friday, Claire Pierce, Taylor Wikert
- 3: Glenn Wagner
- 4: Aiden Pitts, Joshua Smith
- 5: Carina Epting, Blake Greenawald, Christine Hivizdak, Ira Van Scyoc
- 6: Ethan Russell, Alice Schneck
- 7: Adam Daniels
- 8: Ian Christianson
- 9: Joanne Hemmis, Leslie Mayo
- 10: Connor Weidman
- 11: Patrick Helsley, William Hendricks
- 12: Tiffany Bentson
- 13: John Weremedic
- 14: Laura Garrison, Michael Kerschner
- 15: Nathaniel Benner, Wesley Filipovits
- 16: Lee Kreidler
- 17: Dominick DiMaggio
- 18: Darrell Correll
- 19: Teresa Laudenslager, Aurora Merrill
- 20: Richard Semmel, Jim Wagner
- 21: Lucas Heberling
- 22: Olive Wood*
- 23: Rachael Hendricks, Andrea Russell, Gretchen Wagner, Terrie Weidman
- 24: Samantha Klotz
- 25: Lynette Daniels, Carolyn Flemish, Jeffrey Laudenslager, Carol Ludwig, Arden Pohlod
- 26: Richard Kulp
- 27: Derrick Gaugler, Robert Miller
- 28: Ronald Andersch, Phyllis German, Kitty Tom
- 29: Dale Hahn
- 30: Roger Schoemaker, Jennessa White

*these folks are shut-ins and a card or call from you would sure be welcome!



March 17, 1962

Shirley & Lawrence Wertman

March 6, 1976

Linda & William Hendricks

March 13, 1993

Terry & James Gannon

March 7, 2015

James & Nikki Brezack

Council Liaison Committee Assignments 2022

- Andrew Grim – Outreach/Mission
- Ken Gross – Family Center & fill in for Treasurer
- Dan Heckman – Safety Awareness Team
- Bill Hendricks – Christian Education
- Andrea Russell – Stewardship
- Donna Stark – Worship & Music
- Jeffrey Steiner – Finance
- John Weremedic – Property
- Julie Williams – Technology