

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It is with great joy that we are looking to return this fall to pre-Covid status with our ministries here at Jordan. Choirs are gearing up for rehearsal, God's Work our Hands in being planned, Family & Youth activities are in the planning as well as our return to Sunday School and two worship services.

While there is excitement among the staff as we look forward to an awesome fall season, there are also some concerns that I know you have heard before but that I need to keep in front of us all! In the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians he writes, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues." (1 Cor. 12: 27-28)

In other words, you have been given a special gift from God to be used. As we come back from our summer vacations, returning to the church worship services, Sunday School and other activities, you are needed and encouraged to use your gifts. There is a list of Worship areas as well as other needs listed in the newsletter that are in great need of people to help serve.

The old adage "Many hands make for light work" is very true. The more people we have to help in a variety of areas, puts less strain on others who also have busy schedules. One is never too young or too old to help serve here at Jordan!

I am reminded of my third/fourth grade Sunday school teacher who, during my first year of ordained ministry, I ran into waiting for the elevator at the hospital. Anna had been visiting some congregational members of her church. I was impressed that at her age of 85 she was still out serving the Lord! So, I asked her, Anna what makes you still going to serve the Lord? Why do you keep doing things for the church?" I remember her response as if it were yesterday. She said, "Until I find in scripture there's a retirement age for serving the Lord, I will keep doing his work!" What a faithful thought-provoking response!

I ask each of you to give some prayerful thought of how it is that you can become involved serving the Lord at Jordan. If you are not sure, let's chat! You will be amazed at the rewards that you will find in serving the Lord in new ways. Thanking you in advance for your use of time and gifts serving the Lord!

OUR MISSION  
Celebrating  
God  
Connecting  
People

See you in September!  
God's Peace & Blessings!  
*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

Donna Stark

Jeff Steiner

John Weremedic

Julie Williams

Glenn Wagner – TREAS.  
(non-Council positions)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 2022

### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/4)

9:15 Worship Service w/communion  
*(last 9:15 service)*

### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/11)

#### Rally Day

8:00 Worship Service  
10:30 Worship Service w/communion  
Installation of Sunday School Teachers

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/18)

#### Harvest Home Sunday

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

### Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/25)

8:00 Worship Service  
10:30 Worship Service w/communion  
Presentation of Sunday School Student Bibles  
1:00-Blessing of the Animals

### 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. of Faith Formation: Stephanie Derstine

Organist: Susan Hartney

Canon Choir: Janice Kistler

Cherub Choir: Marlene Peters

Inc/Exp Coord: Carol Glass

Sexton: Ann Kline

#### DEADLINES

**Newsletter** – 15<sup>th</sup> of the month  
prior to publication

**Bulletin** – 10 a.m. Thursdays

#### HOSPITAL CODE

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Welcome Back  
to  
Sunday School!  
See you at Rally  
Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>!

"Educating the mind without educating the heart  
is no education at all."

-Aristotle

## Council Highlights - July 14, 2022

Approval of June 9<sup>th</sup> minutes and July 14<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**Correspondence:** None

**Staff reports:**

Pastor (written): Planning for fall activities.

Dir of Faith Form (written): Rally Day Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15.

- VBS was held June 20-24<sup>th</sup> with 25 children and 25 volunteers throughout the week. Three boxes of food collected for Parkland Cares Food Pantry; \$126 collected for Native American School supplies through World Vision Organization.
- \$350 collected towards VBS themed T-shirts.

**Committee Highlights:**

Treasurer (written): Month of May showed a deficit of \$7,366 with the YTD deficit balance of \$10,303. Some out of ordinary property cost - new well pump \$2900. Requested update Power Church 12 (software) to Power 14. MSP.

Worship & Music: Next meeting August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

Technology: No meeting. No report.

Property: No updates.

Outreach/Mission (written): *God's Work, Our Hands* scheduled for Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. "Walk for Water" kick off Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Family Center(written): Requested council review fees for a particular Volleyball team. Approved. Looking into new programmable thermostat to ensure AC/Heating not running unnecessarily.

Safety Awareness Team: No meeting. Karen Boardman will temporarily schedule volunteers.

Christian Education: Next meeting July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Finance (written): checking into why YTD Budget shows a deficit when there was a balanced budget approved. Requesting Property put out bids for snow removal for this year.

Stewardship: Next meeting July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. .

**For the good of the body/Comments/Concerns:**

-Rising Roots: Yearly Calendar presented with start date Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Council approved fee for graduation usage of Family Center at standard non-member rate.

- Written Report received from delegates Dave & Kay Mancke from attending NEPA 2022 Synod Assembly.
- Pantry Report for June (written): 19 households served; 42 adults; 20 children; 22 elderly.
- Clocks in Sanctuary & Memory Room repaired by member and disbursed to two families.

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is August 11, 2022, 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.

## Council Highlights - August 11, 2022

Approval of July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes and August 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Correspondence: None

### Staff reports:

Pastor: (written) - 90 day review for Treasurer & I/E Coordinator complete with much satisfaction.

- Hosted staff picnic July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Confirmation Orientation meeting Aug 24<sup>th</sup>
- Blessing of Backpacks 8/21; Blessing of Animals 9/25; Acolyte training 9/25.
- Great night with 14 at mini golf event at Bear Rock Junction.

Dir of Faith Formation (written) - SS teacher mtg 7/26. Teachers needed.

- Attended Confirmation planning mtg 7/27.
- Working on recruiting teachers for Sunday School program.
- Planning youth events for fall. Glo mini golf 10/14.

### Committee Highlights:

Treasurer (written) - Month of July 2022 showed a deficit of \$7,427 with the YTD deficit balance of \$15,996.

- Monica will check with e-givers to see if they plan on continuing to use e-giving opposed to envelopes.
- Property Expenses up with unexpected plumbing issues.

Worship & Music (written) - Met 8/11. Harvest Home 9/18; set up afternoon of 9/17.

- Reviewed/discussed summer liturgy.
- Reviewed need for volunteers: altar guild, acolytes, bell tollers, ushers, livestreaming service, lectors,
- Sue participated in two continuing events. Rehearsals will begin in September for Choral, Friendship Ringers, and Jr Gyros. Sue will contact those for Symphonia to reorganize.
- Dedication of Paschal Candle and base 8/14.
- Will further discuss Christmas Eve services at next meeting. One service Christmas Day. Time to be determined.
- Next meeting 11/3 at 7:15 p.m.

Technology - nothing to report.

Property (written) - Toilets and men's' urinals fixed in several bathrooms.

- Well pump was replaced.
- Water tank in Family Center utility room needs replacing.
- Looking for new controllable thermostat for Family Center.
- Requesting quotes for AC units in Family Center.

Outreach/Mission (written) - Faith Night at Iron Pigs attended by 44. Thanks to Steph for organizing.

- Walk for Water Campaign - Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.
- GWOH - Events planned for 10/2 following 10:30 worship.
- New Member Team will come under Outreach.
- Game Day to return in the fall.
- Other activities brainstormed.
- Next meeting 9/6 @ 1:00 p.m.

Family Center (written) - Property recommended no physical changes made to Family Center for inquiring badminton team. MSP

- Rising Roots requested several special dates. Fees approved by council.
- Request from Al Ahad Islamic Center to use our facility. Not enough info provided. Council approved having further discussion prior to a final decision.

Safety Awareness (SAT) - Still in need of coordinator.

Christian Education (written) - Focus on recruiting teachers for Sunday School.

- Reviewed student roster/classes.
- Confirmation mentors needed as we bring this back to the confirmation program.
- Adult Bible study being planned by Pastor.

Finance - no meeting.

Stewardship (written) - met 7/26. Looking for members to serve on committee.

- Declined to participate in ELCA "Building a Culture of Diversity" due to lack of members to make it work.
- Next meeting Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

#### **For the good of the body/Comments/Concerns:**

- Approval for Jamie Edelman to hold her ordination service at Jordan and to sponsor her ordination stole.
- Congregational meetings set: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> w/9:15 service (snowdate Dec 18<sup>th</sup>); second meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> w/9:15 service (snowdate Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>)
- CPR training discussed and approved for congregational members. Annual fire drill being planned.
- Pantry Report for July (written): 21 households served; 45 adults; 19 children; 18 elderly.

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is September 8, 2022, 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.





## September 25 at 1:00 p.m.

in the Family Center parking lot

The blessing of animals invites “All creatures, great and small,” for an individual hands on blessing from Pastor Dody. The Blessing of Animals is done in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the early champion of animals. Animal participants must be on a lead or in a carrier and fully controlled and monitored by their human escorts. Invite your friends and relatives, too!

**A free will offering will be received and given to The Sanctuary at Haafsville to assist in their care for God’s creatures.**

## Memorial Fund Contributions

**In memory of Mary Anne Rau**  
Carol J. Kuhns

**In memory of Ruth Kemp**  
Catherine Fegely  
Gene & Althea Hahn

**In memory of Howard Stettler**  
Donald & Roxy Schraden  
Michael & Joellen Kelly

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2022				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
<b>Income:</b>				
Operating Income	\$ 23,326.00	\$ 222,691.00	\$ 30,530.00	\$ 213,710.00
Benevolence	\$ 714.00	\$ 6,081.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 9,333.00
Property	\$ 1,316.00	\$ 9,579.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,356.00</b>	<b>\$ 238,351.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,363.00</b>	<b>\$ 240,543.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 14,068.00	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 12,192.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 11,175.00	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 12,688.00
Payroll	\$ 21,403.00	\$ 151,900.00	\$ 21,874.00	\$ 156,370.00
Ministries	\$ 740.00	\$ 6,463.00	\$ 858.00	\$ 6,008.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 7,745.00	\$ 70,741.00	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 53,375.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 32,783.00</b>	<b>\$ 254,347.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 240,633.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (7,427.00)</b>	<b>\$ (15,996.00)</b>	<b>\$ 451.00</b>	<b>\$ (90.00)</b>



This year Sunday School will be giving the gift of hope to impoverished families through Heifer International. Heifer International works exclusively in the area of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty. Our children will be collecting coins to provide hope to children and families around the world! Kick-off for the Heifer Project will begin at GWOH, October 2nd through November 20th. More details to follow.



## COMING EVENTS!



### ***Rally Day is coming, "Come Follow JESUS!"***

Inviting children ages 3 – 11 to **"Come Follow JESUS"**, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 am – 10:15 am on Rally Day when we will walk together through the Bible learning about Jesus. There will be Bible stories, engaging songs, and fun activities for children, however all are welcome to attend. Additional information about our Fall Sunday School classes will be shared and noted on our website at [www.jordanlutheran.org/sunday-school.html](http://www.jordanlutheran.org/sunday-school.html). Contact Stephanie Derstine at [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net) with questions.

### ***Youth & Family Activities – SAVE THE DATES!!!***

**Sunday, September 18** - A "backyard afternoon picnic" has been scheduled for our youth, noon – 3 pm, outside the Family Center for fun outdoor games. Please bring extra clothing (for water balloons) and lots of friends for fun and games!!!

**Friday, October 14** – A night of "Glow Golf" for our youth will be held at Bear Rock Junction. Please plan to meet there at 7 p.m. Additional details TBD.

### **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Trunk or Treat**

Jordan families are invited to participate in Trunk or Treat night. Park on the Family Center parking lot, decorate your vehicle (awards for best decorations) and share a ton of candy with guests, 6:30 – 8 pm. Sign-up sheets for candy and details will be forthcoming.

### **November – Movie Night - Date and Time TBD**

### **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Basket Social**

Family fun instore during the Basket Social, Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in the Family Center. Browsing begins at noon, drawing at 1:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be available.

### **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Gingerbread church-making**

Learn to make a Gingerbread church, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, after church, in the Family Center. Space will be limited. A sign-up sheet and specific details will be forthcoming.

### **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Christmas Caroling**

All ages invited to gather at church to stroll through close by community streets, sharing our beloved Christmas carols and a few fun children's Christmas songs, 2 – 4 pm. Refreshments to follow.

### ***Acolyte Training***

will be held on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. until approx. 12:15 pm. This is being offered to youth in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older, but especially to our confirmation students who are required to acolyte. If interested in being trained and serving as an acolyte during the worship service, please let Pastor Dody know by calling the church office (610-395-5912) or emailing her at [prdody@gmail.com](mailto:prdody@gmail.com).



The remaining hosting weeks in 2022 are Sep 18, Oct 9 & Oct 16.

You can find the SignUpGenius link to signup to volunteer on our website -> Ministries -> Outreach  
St Joseph the Worker and Jordan will both provide volunteers for Sep 18.

Here are the direct links to SignUpGenius

Week of Sept 18 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-family2>

Week of Oct 9 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-family>

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Dean Wagaman 484-241-6992 [wagamand@ptd.net](mailto:wagamand@ptd.net)

## Notes of Thanks

Dear Jordan Lutheran family,

I would like to thank you for accepting me into your family as the new Income/Expense Coordinator. The last few months have been a huge leaning curve for me as I have been going through Darrell's wonderful and patient training.

David and I would like to thank everyone who stopped to introduce themselves to us at the Meet & Greet. It was great to put a face with a name that I have been emailing.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the future and meeting more of the Jordan family.

Have a wonderful day and thank you again.

Carol & David Glass

To my Jordan family & friends,

I appreciate all of your cards, calls, cares, prayers and concerns during these past several months. The support I received from all of you has been very much appreciated and effective. Recovery is on the horizon for me. When needs like I have endured arise, you, as my church family, have earned a 5-star rating. Thanks so much.

Jean Adam

I want to thank Jordan Lutheran Church for the beautiful flowers that were delivered from the church to us. We miss going to church, but we watch it on the computer.

Sonny & Lucille Laudenslager





September is almost here! For those of us in the world of church music, that means the start of rehearsals after our summer break. If you would like to serve Jordan Lutheran Church in a very important way, please think about joining one (or more!) of our musical ensembles. There are no auditions - the only requirement is the desire to offer praise and thanks to God through music. Ability to read music for most ensembles is helpful but not necessary. We will help you negotiate the lines and spaces of the musical staff!

**Jordan Chorale** is our vocal ensemble for adults and for teens who have been confirmed. Rehearsals start on Sunday, September 4, at 9:30 am, in the Choir Room

**Friendship Ringers** offer handbell music, most often during the prelude. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:15 pm, in the Bell Room (Classroom 6).

**Junior Gyros** is our youth handbell ensemble. They enjoy learning new music and expanding their handbell techniques. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 7, at 5:30 pm, in the Bell Room (Classroom 6).

**Jordan Sinfonia and Brass** has not rehearsed since March 2020, when Covid first reared its ugly head. We would very much like to resume rehearsals in preparation for festival services. Please consider participating if you play an instrument!

Please contact me, Susan Hartney (E-mail [suzyflute@aol.com](mailto:suzyflute@aol.com)), if you have any questions. Come and join us!

### ***For our Musical Youth...***

#### ***Cherub Choir***

It's time to gather up this year's cherub choir. Children who love to sing and are ages 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to participate in the choir. We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 6:20pm beginning September 14, 2022. Meetings are held in Sunday School room M5. Questions can be directed to Marlene Peters at (610) 573-6586 or [petersfarm19529@yahoo.com](mailto:petersfarm19529@yahoo.com).

#### ***Canon Choir***

will resume rehearsals on Wednesday evening, September 14th. We meet in the Choir Room from 6:30 to 7:00 and welcome all young singers ages 8 through 17. Can't read music? That's ok - we'll have fun learning great songs together! Can't sing? Yes, you can! Can't make it to every practice because of sports or dance or too much homework? No problem - attend whenever you can! Have questions? Call or email Miss Jan at 484-225-5693 or [janrkis@ptd.net](mailto:janrkis@ptd.net) See you on the 14th!



## Adult Bible Study

will begin Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., facilitated by Pastor Dody. We will meet in M8 (across from Pastor’s office). Since we will be entering the Gospel of Matthew for the upcoming year in worship, it might be a good study to start with.

The curriculum we will use expresses this Bible Study as follows: “With all we have to unite us, we still find ways to create division. It is an age-old question: do we focus on what sets us apart, or what holds us together? According to Matthew, it is Emmanuel, God with us. . . the Church is an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God, and it is comprised of Jesus’ followers who have been called out to live righteously in the world and to serve in the manner of the Christ with deep humility and unfathomable forgiveness. In Jesus, there is a new community at work for the blessing of the world. What is it that binds us together? Jesus—God With Us.”

Please join us as we reignite our faith with this Bible Study and explore the Gospel of Matthew and what it means for the church both then and today, enjoying conversation and fellowship. Registration is appreciated (but not necessary) by contacting the church office.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

## Interested in joining Jordan's faith family?

Pastor Dody will hold an informational meeting on **Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m.** for anyone who is interested in becoming a disciple at Jordan. Please contact the office or Pastor Dody if you desire to be a part of the informational session. Once the group is determined, there will be dates set for three 1 hour sessions.

## Harvest Home Sunday

**Sunday, September 18, 2022.** We will be accepting items to be donated to the food pantry to display on Harvest Home Sunday, beginning in early September. There will be a special basket, marked Harvest Home, for those items. Your fresh produce would also be welcome for the display and may be dropped off Saturday afternoon, September 17<sup>th</sup>, by 1:00 p.m.

### ***A little history...***

The harvest festival’s origin is lost in the depths of time, but researchers find it to be a survivor of pagan rituals. Roman historians make note of harvest festivals. Throughout European history, the conclusion of the exhausting labor of grain harvest coupled with the safe storage of the season’s crop was cause for celebration and thanksgiving. Throughout the twentieth century and before, the custom here was to decorate the front of the sanctuary with the bounty of field and garden as a kind of offering. Many congregations still follow this custom, but usually in a more symbolic way. The custom arose of donating the food to orphanages or old age homes in the area.



## Game Day



will resume **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m.** We plan on meeting in our Social Hall. Plans are to meet the *first and third Tuesday of each month*. For additional information or comments, call Jean & Dave Adam at 610-395-4282.

## Card Shower

Ferne Rock will be 100 on October 1<sup>st</sup>! Let’s shower her with birthday greetings and good wishes from her friends at Jordan. Cards may be mailed to her at:

Ferne Rock  
The Palmerton Room 302  
71 Princeton Avenue  
Palmerton PA 18071





## Women's 5K Classic Walk

The Womens 5k Classic Walk is being held October 1<sup>st</sup> and this is the 30th year for the event. Tracy Heberling will be walking again this year and if Jordan members would like to donate to this event they can either submit donations to church or mail directly to her at 42 Maple Circle, Allentown, PA 18104. The checks can be made payable to Women's 5K Classic. Please contact Tracy directly at 610-730-5456 with any questions.

For more information: [www.womens5kclassic.org](http://www.womens5kclassic.org)

## Holiday Hope Chests Project

We need your donations of shoeboxes for the Holiday Hope Chest shoebox program. This will once again be part of our GWOH Day, wrapping boxes on 10/2 after church that Sunday. It will be a busy weekend! Drop your boxes off at the church office. *Don't forget to save your shoeboxes from school shoes!!*



## Pantry News

We are in need of donations of **breakfast cereal and canned tuna**. Your donations may be placed in the white hamper in the Sunday School foyer. We could really use one additional person for the first Wednesday of the month food distribution, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Contact Glenn Hahn at 610-597-8038.

## PA Dutch Classes

begin their fall session on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** in our Social Hall. New students are welcome by calling Jean & Dave Adam at 610-395-4282.

## Upcoming Events BEAR CREEK CAMP

### Labor Day Family Camp

*Friday, Sept 2 to Monday, Sept 5*

Take an extended weekend to relax and experience camp with your family. This retreat for all ages includes daily devotions and worship, waterfront time, guided hikes, arts & crafts, nature center exploration, high ropes, archery, and plenty of opportunities for family games and individual activities. Learn more at [bearcreekcamp.org/family-camps](http://bearcreekcamp.org/family-camps) Registration is open now!

### Alumni Staff Weekend

*Friday, Sept 9 to Sunday, Sept 11*

Open to all former staff of Bear Creek Camp, Camp Miller, Camp Hagan, and Camp Ministerium and their immediate families. Come for the whole weekend or the day. Registration is required and opens online August 1st! For those new to this event and curious about the weekend, please contact Alumni Committee member, **Ben Werley** at [werley.ben@gmail.com](mailto:werley.ben@gmail.com)

### Women's Retreat

*Friday, Sept 30 to Sunday, Oct 2*

This retreat is designed to provide women with an opportunity to enjoy time both individually and collectively, participate in creative activities, explore outdoors, have time for rest and renewal, and be in the beauty of God's creation in a peaceful setting. Learn more at [bearcreekcamp.org/womens-retreat](http://bearcreekcamp.org/womens-retreat) Registration is open now!

## A request from Carol...

Our new Income/Expense Coordinator is asking for your help. Since I am new to the church and do not know all the accounting functions (still learning), I am asking all members who need any type of payment or reimbursement to attach the Church Expense Form with their request. This will help me answer all the “who/what/when and how much” questions I usually have and will help me process the payments on a timely basis. Having the completed form also helps to identify what committee accounts to be used and confirms that these accounts are up-to-date and accurate. Thank you for your understanding and helping me perform my job accurately.

Below is a sample of the expense form. Forms may be obtained from the church office and Monica can assist you if needed.

**Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Expense Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

**REASON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL SIGN-OFF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGAINST WHICH BUDGET ITEM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To be Paid Direct    **OR**     To be Reimbursed    Date to be paid by: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**TO** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Fill out form completely.                  3. Use back of this form if additional information regarding purchase is needed.

2. Attach actual receipt to this form.      4. A check will be issued within 30 days.

**Assistance needed** - We have returned back to our two worship services on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. However, as we continue to return to worship and people continue to come back to worship, we recognize that over the past two years of Covid, that we have lost members due to death, health reasons, age, or moving, putting us in real need of assistance for our worship leaders. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the following:

Lectors \_\_\_\_\_ Altar Guild \_\_\_\_\_ Acolytes \_\_\_\_\_

Ushers \_\_\_\_\_ Bell Tollers \_\_\_\_\_ Bulletins (Fri a.m.) \_\_\_\_\_

SAT (Safety Awareness Team) \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Provide refreshments after worship \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out this slip or contact Monica in the church office if interested.**

**Training is provided for each area as needed.**





# SEPTEMBER 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."</i></p> <p><i>-Nelson Mandela</i></p>				<p>1 7:00-OE Anon.</p>	<p>2 7:30-AA Meeting 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 <b>WORSHIP</b> 9:15 w/comunion</p> <p>9:30-Chorale 6:30-AA Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>  <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>6 <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i></p> <p>9:30-Staff Meeting 1:00-Outreach mtg 7:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	<p>7 <i>Pantry 6-7 pm</i></p> <p>5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:15-Ringers 7:00-Finance Com.</p>	<p>8 7:00-Church Council 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class</p>	<p>9 7:30-AA Meeting 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Set up FC For Rally Day</p>
<p>11 <b>WORSHIP</b> 8:00 &amp; 10:30-communion <b>!! RALLY DAY !!</b> Installation of SS Teachers</p> <p>9:30-Chorale 6:30-AA Meeting</p>	<p>12 6:30-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:00-Garden Club 8:00-Altwn Band</p>	<p>13 6:30-Bible Study 7:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	<p>14 9:00-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Ringers 6:30-Canon Choir</p>	<p>15 8am-Rising Roots Home School-FC 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class</p>	<p>16 7:30-AA Meeting 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10-12 am DAR mtg, Memory Rm</p> <p>Harvest Home set up</p>
<p>18 <b>WORSHIP</b> 8:00-communion &amp; 10:30 <b>HARVEST HOME</b> 9:15-New Member Info Meeting <i>Family Ctr. reserved</i></p> <p>9:30-Chorale 12-3-Youth Games 6:30-AA Meeting</p>	<p>19 <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i></p> <p>6:30-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20 1:30-Game Day 7:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	<p>21 9:00-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Ringers 6:30-Canon Choir</p>	<p>22 8am-Rising Roots Home School-FC 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class</p>	<p>23 7:30-AA Meeting 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	<p>24 3:00-Klingman/ Hoffman Wedding</p>
<p><b>Family Promise Week</b></p>						
<p>25 <b>WORSHIP</b> 8:00 &amp; 10:30-communion <i>Presentation of Bibles</i> 9:30-Chorale 11:30-Acolyte Training 1:00-Blessing of the Animals</p> <p>6:30-AA Meeting</p>	<p>26 6:30-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27 6:30-Bible Study 7:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	<p>28 9:00-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherub Choir 6:15-Ringers 6:30-Canon Choir</p>	<p>29 8am-Rising Roots Home School-FC 7:00-OE Anon. 7:00-PA Dutch Class</p>	<p>30 7:30-AA Meeting 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC</p>	

**Please note: If you plan to use the Family Center during the September 2022 – August 2023 season (either for a personal event OR a church event) please call the church office ASAP to get your date on the calendar before we begin scheduling the sports groups.**



# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Miss *Camp  
Noah*

## STRONGER

*So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.... God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."*

*(Genesis 8:18-19; 9:12-13)*

Following the flood – a disaster horrific in scope and cause – God brought forth a time and a place, where healing and renewal could begin. Camp Noah is a ministry, carrying on in God's covenantal promises of care and life, especially for families and especially for children whose loved ones may no longer be there to protect and nurture them. The "ark" that gets built, comes in the form of congregations and volunteers, along with professionals in counseling and in faith, who create a safe and supportive environment – where, for a day or a week, children can gather to run and play, draw and paint, sing and listen, pray and build new connections of love and care, new trust that God loves them and that the future can be better, brighter and bolder than the past. Christ is the rainbow and the rock, that provides new colors to paint and safe waters to drink and to splash in, without fear of drowning in grief and despair. As the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, we are honored and grateful to take part in this life-giving ministry, offering our resources, our time and our spaces, to make a bright new day for these kids, these families, and "for all future generations."

+ Bishop Christopher deForest



Have you ever felt overwhelmed and unable to cope with a situation? There have been times during covid that many have felt that way—worry about those who were sick—concerned for families who had lost someone. It was hard enough for adults—but what about children? Camp Noah is a Lutheran camping organization run out of Minnesota that provides weeklong camp experiences for children who have experienced traumatizing natural disasters like tornados, floods, hurricanes—and covid. This past summer, just such a camp was held in Oley, PA. Camp Noah provided a week of fun and engaging experiences through books, crafts, music, art, and games that allowed kids to express their feelings and concerns regarding covid. One young camper said, “this camp has been a blessing.” And it was! Everyone involved—including adult volunteers—felt the healing presence of God among them! Thank you to the many congregations whose Mission Support dollars to the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod provided grant money to help fund Camp Noah. It really was a blessing to all!

+ Pastor Julie Osterhout,  
Trinity Lutheran-Wernersville

