



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Summer blessings to you all and may your travels be light and safe! Summer in our part of the hemisphere is often a time of travel, especially now that we can do so freely without covid restrictions! Cost of gas may be another story!

Speaking of stories, the gospel lessons for July and August will all come from the Gospel of Luke as we hear the stories which Jesus shares with his disciples and each of us. Some stories are easy to understand and hear while others, much like life, may be hard to hear and understand. Jesus was never in the business of making people feel comfortable or even to be the greatest storyteller of all time.

Jesus' focus has been and will always continue to be focused on making disciples out of each of us. Too often we consider ourselves members of the church, when in fact we need to consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus.

The Greek word, μαθητής, disciple, means to be a learner, a student or follower. As a disciple of Jesus, we are called to not only follow but to continue to explore and learn what the word of God means for us a disciple of his Son, Jesus Christ.

This summer, Jesus shares stories defining what it means to be a disciple. To sum the lessons up, Jesus instructs us in four basic ways of discipleship:

- To share the Word
- To show the Word
- To teach the Word
- To serve the World

I invite you to come worship with us this summer at 9:15 a.m. as we hear the word of Jesus who teaches us how to follow him as true disciples. I also invite you to respond to any interest you may have in participating in a fall bible study as together we explore further God's word, learning together. (See info on pg. 5)

Wherever this summer takes you, whether far or near in your travels, may you know God's presence with you and may you take the time to know God's word further, as your faith is strengthened as a disciple of Jesus!

OUR MISSION
Celebrating
God
Connecting
People

God's Peace & Blessings!
Pastor Dody

CHURCH COUNCIL

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(non-Council positions)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July/August 2022

All summer worship services at 9:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (communion) (7/3)

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost (7/10)

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost (communion) (7/17)

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost (7/24)

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost/Healing Service (7/31)

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost (communion) (8/7)

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost (8/14)

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost (communion) (8/21)

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost (8/28)

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/4)

(last 9:15 service)

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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Sexton: Ann Kline

DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE

256

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."

—John Lubbock



Blessing of Backpacks

Sunday, August 21st

Students of all ages and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks/ book bags/briefcase for a special blessing for the new school year! Each student is encouraged to extend an invitation to bring their friends along as well! Everyone will receive a special tag for their backpack reminding them of God's love and presence in their daily learning/teaching.

Summer

WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

June 5th through Sept. 4th

*One worship service
at 9:15 a.m.*

Communion on 7/3 & 17
Communion on 8/7 & 21



THANK YOU to the Staff, Crew, volunteers, and especially our kiddos, for making VBS an AWESOME week learning about God's Greatness! A special thank you to Amber Kerschner, Director of VBS, for a job well done in organizing this Monumental event.

Thank you

Sunday School Teachers, Volunteers and Parents!

I would like to thank you for making this a very special year for the students to be able to return to the classroom.

Teachers and Volunteers, you have been invaluable members of our team, and your time and talents contributed to a successful year for our children to learn more about God.

Parents, thank you for bringing your children to church. Jesus calls the little children to come to Him and you have answered His call.

Our Sunday School team will be in need of a few more teachers and volunteers to teach Sunday School starting in the Fall. If interested, please contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net.



**The office is CLOSED Monday,
July 4th for the Independence Day
holiday.**

**The sexton will be on vacation
July 17 – 21.**

**The secretary will be on vacation
July 19, 22 & August 22 – 26.**

**Pr. Dody will be on vacation
August 27 – Sept. 4.**

*Summer camping opportunities for the
young people of our congregation
from 3rd through 12th grade!*

Bear Creek Camp
(our Lutheran church camp near Wilkes
Barre)

570-472-3741

Register at: www.bearcreekcamp.org

There's still time to register!
The Endowment Committee offers
½ scholarships to Jordan members!

Council Highlights -June 10, 2022

Approval of May 12th minutes and June 10th agenda

Correspondence: None

Shared God Moments: Awesome! God is everywhere!

Staff Reports:

Pastor: (written) - Planning fall schedule with adult studies/program
Stewardship Program info from synod presented.

Dir Faith Form: (written) - Schedule of youth/family fall events.

Committee reports:

Treasurer - (written) - 2022 YTD deficit of \$5,989.00 and May deficit of \$2,839.00.

Worship & Music: no meeting

Technology: Nothing to report

Property: (written) ongoing projects from last month still being worked on.

Outreach/Mission: Discussion of blending New Members team with Outreach.

GWOH - T-shirts will be available to order. GWOH scheduled for 10/2.

Walk for Water-build a well kick off 9/18.

Family Center - no report

Safety Awareness Team - Need coordinators. Thank you Dave & Kay Mancke for their leadership.

Christian Education - (written) VBS June 20-24th ; looking to recruit youth advisors - please see Steph Derstine or Pr. Dody.

Finance - no meeting.

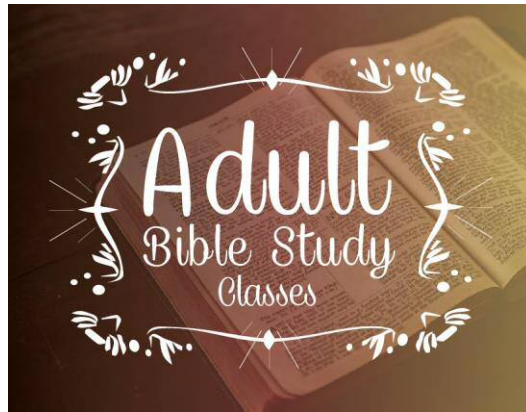
Stewardship - No meeting. Will participate in info session Stewardship Program from synod. Looking for additional members to serve. See Julie Williams.

For the Good of the order:

- Motion made to move forward with interested party to purchase two clocks. MSP
- Council will sponsor refreshments for New Staff member reception 6/26 following worship.
- Security for VS was discussed, and recommendations made.

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is July 14, 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.



Adult Bible Study Planning Discussion – Please join me on **Sunday, July 10th** in the **Memory Room**, following worship, for a very brief discussion of your interest and fall availability, along with topics of interest.

Part of our responsibility as a disciple of Jesus is to continue our journey by learning and strengthening our faith as we grow closer in our relationship with God. While we do some of that during Sunday Worship, we cannot do that to any degree of depth. I would like to plan an Adult Study in the fall, beginning in September, however, it would be helpful for me to know what your interests might be.

If you are unable to spend a few minutes on July 10th, please drop me a line, give me a call, or see me in person. God's Blessings on your summer! Hope to see you on July 10th! ~ Pastor Dody



Jordan Lutheran Church welcomes all children ages 3-11 to join our Sunday school classes in the Fall for an hour of learning about Jesus and our awesome God! Our teachers and volunteers have created a fun and safe environment for our kiddos to listen to Bible stories, create fun art and craft activities, sing songs and play games. Currently on summer break, classes will resume on Rally Day!

Rally Day, September 11, 2022

Inviting you to '**Come Follow JESUS**', an interactive class activity, to follow Jesus's footsteps through the Bible lessons during the Fall Sunday School classes. We hope you will join us, taking the next steps to follow Jesus!

Additional information about our Fall classes, including a registration form for Sunday School, will be posted on our website in August at

<https://www.jordanlutheran.org/sunday-school.html>.

Questions: Please contact Stephanie Derstine, jordandff@ptd.net



We're so proud of our graduates and honored to celebrate their accomplishments!

Jamie Edelman graduated from United Lutheran Seminary with a Master of Divinity. Jamie was our Director of Christian Education here at Jordan for many years. She is now awaiting her first call and ordination. Jamie's family includes husband, Brian, sons Dylan and Logan, and mother and stepfather, Alice and Gary Schneck.

Alicia R. Hivizdak graduated cum laude from Lehigh Carbon Community College's Registered Nurse program. She is the daughter of John and Christine Hivizdak and the granddaughter of Marian Peifley. Alicia will be seeking employment in her field.

Will Kroboth, son of Beth and Karl Kroboth, graduated cum laude from Penn State University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed by Pratt & Whitney in Jupiter, FL.

Aiden M. Pitts, grandson of Robert and Christiane Heilman, graduated from Patriot High School, Peyton Colorado. He plans to attend Community College and seek employment.

Ethan Russell graduated from The George Washington University in Washington D.C. Ethan is the son of Andrea & Matt Russell and the brother of Gavin. He earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, and competed on GW Club Triathlon team. Ethan will be working for Westland Engineering and Environmental services in Tucson, AZ, and continues to pursue his passion for triathlon training/competition.

Jordan offers scholarships through the Endowment Disbursement Committee to all members who are pursuing a post high school education. This includes, but is not limited to, 2- or 4-year colleges, trade schools, and masters or doctorate degrees. To be eligible to receive this scholarship you simply must be a member of Jordan and complete a scholarship application. The scholarship is \$600 per academic year for a maximum of 4 years. Please contact the church for the scholarship form. We look forward to assisting in your continuing education.

Pastoral Acts

Deaths: **Howard R. E. Stettler, Jr., 92**
d. 6/4/22
Funeral 6/10/22

Donald E. Ross, 89
d. 6/19/22
Funeral: 6/25/22



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

Fellowship Manor: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel
Lehigh Commons: Barbara Diehl, Janet Stettler
Lehigh Center: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman
Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Loretta Hein


Village of Palmerton: Ferne Rock
Lehigh Center: Barbara Diehl
Heather Glen: Herb Bieber, Anna Bieber

Remember these folks who are ill: Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Ron Andersch, Lois Heisler, Clark Snyder, Jane Laudensalger, Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Will Lutterschmidt, Gladys Harkins, Lucille Laudenslager, Rachelle Shollenberger, Olive Wood, Jean Adam, Dale Gogel, Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Dale Hahn, Ted DuBois, Herb Bieber, Bert Bentson, Jr.



July 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>“Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged.”</i> <i>-Ronald Reagan</i></p>					1 7:30-AA 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	2
3 9:15 WORSHIP <i>w/communion</i>	4  Church Office Closed	5 <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i> 7:30-Volleyball-FC	6 <i>Pantry 6-7 pm</i>	7 6:00-Exec. Mtg. 7:00-OE Anon.	8 7:30-AA 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	9
10 9:15 WORSHIP 6:30-AA Meeting	11 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Allentown Band	12 9:30-Staff mtg. 7:30-Volleyball-FC	13	14 7:00-Church Council 7:00-OE Anon.	15 7:30-AA 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	16
17 9:15 WORSHIP <i>w/communion</i> 6:30-AA Meeting	18 <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i> 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Allentown Band	19 7:30-Volleyball-FC	20 5:00-Chris. Ed.	21 7:00-OE Anon.	22 7:30-AA 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	23 1:00-Staff Picnic
24 9:15 WORSHIP 6:30-AA Meeting ----- 31 9:15 WORSHIP Healing Service 6:30-AA Meeting	25 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Allentown Band	26 7:30-Volleyball-FC	27	28 7:00-OE Anon.	29 7:30-AA 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	30

***Summer Worship Services take place in person at 9:15 a.m.
 Livestreaming on Facebook and our website continues.
 The sexton will be on vacation July 17-21***



August 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i> 5:00- Jordaniers Picnic-FC 7:00-Boy Scouts	2 1:00-Outreach mtg 7:30-Volleyball-FC	3 <i>Pantry 6-7 pm</i>	4 6:00-Exec. Com. 7:00-OE Anon. 7:15-Worship & Music mtg.	5 7:30-AA Meeting 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	6
7 9:15 WORSHIP w/communion 6:30-AA Meeting	8 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:00-Parkland Garden Club	9 7:30-Volleyball-FC	10	11 7:00-Church Council 7:00-OE Anon.	12 7:30-AA Meeting 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	13
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21 9:15 WORSHIP w/communion <i>Blessing of Backpacks</i> 6:30-AA Meeting	22 7:00-Boy Scouts	23 7:30-Volleyball-FC	24	25 7:00-OE Anon.	26 7:30-AA Meeting 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	27
Family Promise Week						
28 9:15 WORSHIP 6:30-AA Meeting	29 7:00-Boy Scouts	30 7:30-Volleyball-FC	31 5:00-SOS	<i>Our last 9:15 Summer Worship is Sunday, September 4th. We resume worship at 8:00 & 10:30 beginning September 11th.</i>		

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Livestreaming on Facebook & our website continues.*

*The secretary will be on vacation July 22-26.
The pastor will be on vacation July 27-Sept. 4. Pastor Gade will be the emergency contact.
Call the church phone for contact info if needed.*

Interested in joining Jordan's faith family? Pastor Dody will hold an informational meeting on Sunday Sept 18th 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.



“The Outreach Committee eagerly looks forward to celebrating Gods Work Our Hands **Sunday on October 2nd, 2022** with your enthusiastic involvement! Our committee and supporting members will again offer a variety of benevolent activities where we can share our time and talent with others on that special day. Several of the 2022 GWOH activities offered will mimic those we so enjoyed in the past with new and fresh opportunities where you may serve. Complete with a gourmet kick-off luncheon, we look forward to seeing you there! Additional details will follow shortly.

We are pleased to offer an opportunity to order a Gods Work Our Hands T-shirt. Your shirt will come personalized with the Jordan Lutheran Church name proudly printed on the back. Please **place your orders no later than August 24th, 2022**, to ensure a timely delivery. A sampling of this smart GWOH shirt is displayed in our Memory Room.”

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone # _____

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| ___ Youth S | ___ Youth M | ___ Youth L |
| ___ Adult S | ___ Adult M | ___ Adult L |
| ___ Adult XL | ___ Adult XXL | ___ Adult 3 XL |
| ___ Adult 4XL | ___ Adult 5 XL | |

Total Shirts _____ x \$11.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to “Jordan Lutheran Church” and mark “GWOH T-Shirt” in memo line.

Orders due NO LATER than August 14th, 2022.

Please place your order from along with your check (within an envelope) in the offering plate or drop off at the church office (keep a copy for yourself!).

For more information contact Dave Mancke at 484-866-6620



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Bishop Eaton issues pastoral message on SCOTUS ruling regarding Roe v. Wade

Dear church,

Whatever personal perspective one might take on the June 24 abortion ruling from the Supreme Court, it is the legal framework in which we now minister, and I wish to speak a pastoral word at this time.

The Supreme Court has voted to overturn Roe v. Wade, removing federal constitutional protection for safe and legal abortion and leaving decisions about abortion law largely to the states. As a result, safe and legal abortion will likely not be accessible in every state. This church's 1991 social statement Abortion argues that "the number of induced abortions is a source of deep concern" but teaches that the practice should be legal (pp. 3, 9-10). In other words, "Laws should be enacted and enforced justly for the preservation and enhancement of life, and should avoid unduly encumbering or endangering the lives of women" (p. 9). Overturning Roe v. Wade and placing decisions about abortion regulation at the state level encumbers and endangers the lives of all persons who need to make decisions about unexpected pregnancies.

First, as a pastor of this church, I want to acknowledge that this decision affects many people, especially those whose pregnancies unfold in complex situations and the people who love them. Many now find their moral agency restricted because federal law no longer guarantees access to legal and safe abortion. They already face difficult moral questions, and the Supreme Court decision only adds to their anguish. As our social statement reminds us, we have both the freedom and the obligation to serve neighbors in complex situations. As a church, we are called at this moment to recognize and spiritually support people who are struggling with decisions around pregnancy.

Second, as presiding bishop, I want to remind this church that, despite this new legal landscape, we continue to depend on our social teaching for guidance. Our social statement provides the moral framework for our church's communal discernment and ministry, holding in tension both the strong Christian presumption to preserve and protect all life as well as the complex moral situations in which pregnancy sometimes occurs. Our social teaching is complex and does not hew to clear categories or labels such as "pro-abortion" or "anti-abortion."

That complexity is reflected in several points. The statement recognizes that pregnant persons have moral agency; they are the ones to make decisions about a pregnancy (see pp. 5-6). This church and its ministers trust them to decide but expect them to make such decisions in relationship—with God, self, partner, family, ministers and others.

I also want to underscore for the whole body of Christ the statement's exhortation "that those who counsel persons faced with unintended pregnancies respect how deeply the woman's pregnancy involves her whole person—body, mind and spirit—in relation to all the commitments that comprise her stewardship of life" (p. 5).

Further, our church teaching holds that there are no exclusive rights in pregnancy. A pregnant person does not have an exclusive right to abort a fetus at all points during the pregnancy. A developing life does not have an exclusive right to be born (p. 2). This church does not support abortion as a normative form of birth control but rather understands it as necessary in some morally responsible circumstances. This church does not condone late-term abortions except in extreme circumstances, which must be determined by the individual with their medical caregivers (p. 7).

This church acknowledges that individuals and religious traditions hold divergent viewpoints over when life begins. These divergent views are not only scientific but also biblical and cultural. The ELCA social statement acknowledges these ethical ambiguities and states that "the closer the life in the womb comes to full term the more serious such [moral] issues become." (p. 7).

As we live into this new legal framework, we can respond to and minister in the current situation, for instance, by ministering to individuals who seek abortions; advocating for laws that provide free or affordable health care, child care and education; providing and promoting sex education; continuing to be a community of discernment where thoughtful and diverse perspectives can be shared and heard; and advocating for state laws that provide legal, safe and affordable abortions, and against legislation that would outlaw abortion in all circumstances (p. 9).

Finally, I wish to remind everyone that this church supports peaceful means of expression within a diverse society. Peaceful protest is a crucial element of civic engagement; violent protest is not, and this church reproves it. Likewise, this church is on record against hate speech. Let us be instruments for peace where there is none. Let us listen to one another. Let us serve the needs of neighbors in all the complexities life presents. God calls us to be for others, just as God in Christ is for us.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America