

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Come! Holy Spirit! Come! These words mark our liturgy on the Day of Pentecost as the Holy Spirit is invited into our worship space, into our lives, our hearts and our communities. We don't speak much about the Holy Spirit in our Lutheran lives, but it would be difficult to imagine our faith without the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the one Jesus promised to send to us after he ascended into heaven. Jesus said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. (John 14:26)

The Holy Spirit is breath. "Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:22-23)

Without breath, without air, we cannot exist, no living matter can exist without air. The same is true in our spiritual well-being. The Holy Spirit fills us with breath and new life as she guides us in ways to be strengthened and challenged in our faith.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes in unexpected and often unwanted ways in the challenges of our faith. Yet, the Holy Spirit is life giving. Breathe in life through God's Holy Word in scripture, through serving and loving one another. Be filled with life abundance as you take in the blessings given to you. Allow the Holy Spirit to enter into your being with the peace that surpasses all understanding, helping you to breathe out peace to others, providing life for those you encounter.

In "Walking on the Wind: Cherokee Teaching for Harmony and Balance" author Michael Tlanusta Garrett, speaks of the Spirit as one "that whatever you put out into the universe, the world will bring it back to you.(pg.51)" If you breathe out hatred, hatred will be returned. However, if you breathe out loving words and actions, good thoughts, words of forgiveness and encouragement that is what will be returned to you.

Our world is living in fear as exemplified through violent acts of hatred. Maybe we cannot change things overnight or even on a larger scale, but with each breathe that we inhale and exhale, we can make a difference, sharing the peace that surpasses all understanding, sharing the love and forgiveness of Christ in our daily actions and spreading the Good News of Christ through the Holy Spirit!

Breathe in....breathe out.....breathe in breathe out.....breathe in breathe out!

May you be filled with all that is good from God through the Holy Spirit!

CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE

Love,
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 for June

Second Sunday after Pentecost (6/5)
9:15 am – Worship Service w/Confirmation & Communion

Third Sunday after Pentecost (6/12)
10:30 am – 4F Celebration Outdoor
& Worship at Lone Lane Park
Sunday School Closing Program & Recognition

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (6/19)
9:15 am – Worship Service w/Communion

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (6/26)
9:15 am – Worship Service

Looking forward to seeing old friends and familiar faces as we all worship together this summer!

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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Inc/Exp Coord: Carol Glass
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

*To plant a garden
is to believe
in tomorrow.*

-Audrey Hepburn



2022 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: June 5, 12, 26; July 3, 17, 31; August 14, 21, 28; Sept. 25

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 last 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 either 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.

Thank You's Received

Dear Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I write today. We are both blessed and honored by the support of your congregation. As we continue to weather the storm of the pandemic we can't thank you enough for helping us make a difference in the community!

Katrina Sundstrom, Exec. Dir.
Parkland CARES Food Pantry

Thank you. Your gift helps strengthen relationships and build capacity to serve the most vulnerable in our midst. Together we build the resiliency of the Gospel so that our congregations proclaim clearly that God is always bringing forth renewal and hope.

Julia Menzo
Director of Community Outreach
Lutheran Congregational Services

Thank you to the members of Jordan, Orefield, from the NEPA Synod for giving \$20,000.04 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and church ministries of the ELCA.

Dear Members of JELC,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we thank you for your food donation of 150 pounds of assorted much needed items given on 5/2/22. Your donation allows us to keep our shelves stocked with items that we know our clients appreciate. It also allows our budget for purchasing food to be stretched a little farther. Our Food Bank serves over 24,000 people each year. Each visit provides our clients with enough groceries, including fresh fruits and vegetables, for a short period. It is with the generous donations such as yours that allows us to continue to serve those who are food insecure in our community.

With sincere gratitude,
Jennifer Kelley
AAEFB Volunteer

Jordaniers Bowlers

First Half Champions

Ken Mickley
Vicki Christianson
Linda Robino
Bob Jones, Captain



Second Half Champions

Mike Washer
Mike Merkel
Donn Jaymes
Terry Christianson, Captain

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Helpful Things to Know:

- Keep in mind that beginning on June 5th (Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday) we will be worshipping TOGETHER at one service at 9:15 am through the months of June, July and August, and including September 5th (Labor Day weekend). The only exception is the 4 F Celebration (outdoor worship & picnic) on June 12th, at 10:30 a.m. at Lone Lane Park (see details on p. 5) We look forward to worshipping together as one family and seeing familiar faces!
- There will be **no worship service in the sanctuary on June 12th**. (Outdoor Worship at Lone Lane)
- Confirmation - June 5th - 9:15 am - light refreshments to follow
- Picnic - June 12th - 10:30 am – Teachers, volunteers, students and children will be recognized and participate during this service.

Welcome our new Treasurer Glenn Wagner

Most of you know me from the choir.

I'm originally from Cheltenham, in the NE Philly suburbs. I came to the Lehigh Valley in 1971 when I attended Lehigh University, where I studied mechanical engineering.

I stayed in the Lehigh Valley and went to work for Air Products in 1976. I worked there for 41 years, designing process machinery and laboratory equipment, until I was retired in 2017.

I live in Fogelsville and joined Jordan shortly after I moved there in 1989. Marianne and I have been married for 41 years and have four grown children. There are two grandchildren in Colorado and one in Hellertown.

Away from Jordan I am an assistant scoutmaster at my local troop, and volunteer with the pantry and service projects with other Air Products retirees. Other pastimes are photography, bicycling and walking with Marianne.

Council Highlights - May 12, 2022

Approval of April 7th minutes and May 12th agenda.

Correspondence: Thank you received from Monica Unangst for her gift card to Morgan's Restaurant in honor of Administration Appreciation Day from the council on behalf of the congregation.

Special Order: Presentation by Dave Mancke (Outreach) requesting approval to raise minimum of \$2500 to build a well for 3rd World countries. MSP.

Staff Reports:

Pastor- (written) - Braden Grim presented for Rite of Affirmation of Baptism 6/5- MSP.
Five families will be received as new members on May 29th.

Dir FF - (written) - Last teaching day for Sunday School is June 5th; Sunday School closing will be held June 12th at outdoor worship service with recognition of students/teachers.
VBS June 20-24th, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - (written) - Welcomed Glenn Wagner as new treasurer. Month of April showed a deficit of \$6,779 with the YTD deficit balance of \$3,150.

Worship & Music - (written) - Paschal Candle base replaced with newly made by the Siegfried's son-in-law and Bill Lutterschmidt. Waiting for new Paschal candle to arrive.

Lynn Daniels looking to hand over chair of committee to willing member.

Summer worship begins on June 5th through Sept 4th with one service at 9:15 a.m. Fall schedule resumes on Sept 11th with Rally Day.

Technology - working out multiple bugs with remote livestreaming.

Property - waiting for estimates on several larger projects to prioritize and plan funding. Elevator was checked by independent company to be in good working condition. Parts are available if repairs are needed. Air Circulation project on hold until grant money can be released.

Outreach - (written) Outdoor worship and picnic is scheduled for June 12th at 10:30 a.m.

God's Work Our Hands scheduled for October 2, 2022. Bus filling up for Ocean Grove Choral Concert July 10th.

Family Center - No report. Ken stated no new updates. Scout jamboree very well attended.

Safety Awareness Team - received letter from Dave Mancke resigning as chair effective end of May.

Christian Education - ELCA Youth Gathering dates received for July 16 - 20, 2024 in New Orleans.

Finance - met 5/15. Reviewed financial reports.

Stewardship - Lenten Anonymous Prayer Partner held light dinner and revealed prayer partners.

For the Good of the Body/Concerns/Comments:

St Joe the Worker's Women's group requested space usage during renovations being made at their fellowship hall in Feb 2023. MSP with no charge out of good neighbor faith.

Discussed New Member Task force to be umbrellaed under Outreach. Will explore.

Food Pantry served 23 families in March.

Meet and Greet for new staff (Treasurer and I/E coordinator) will be held Sunday June 26th with light refreshments to follow. (con'd)

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is June 9, 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.

4 F Celebration (Summer Service and Picnic)

Date: June 12th, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Lone Lane Park Pavilion, 30 Lone Lane, Allentown

Set-up: 8:00 AM and 9:15 AM if available

Tear Down: Help is needed from those remaining to assist with a simple tear down

Invited guests: Members of Jordan, guests, friends, neighbors, relatives

Weather forecast: Brilliant! Held rain or shine

Itinerary: Service with Luncheon following / Adult and children's games planned

Service includes multiple musical and vocal groups



Food Pantry Contribution

Please bring hygiene-related items to serve those in need: Toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner, soap, hand soap, etc.

Luncheon

Gourmet hot dogs and delectable hamburgers provided, complete with condiments.

Guests will provide their own table cloths and beverages-paper products supplied.

Along with your covered dish (enough for your family and you and a bit to share), please provide your own serving utensils, "marked" for ease of identification.

Last name beginning with the letter is invited to bring:

A – K: Salads: Green salad & dressing, pasta, macaroni, potato, or fruit salads

L – N: Baked beans, deviled eggs, chips, pretzels, snacks

O – Z: Assorted desserts



Fun Games and Prizes

For the **Bingo and Cake/Uncake Walk**, please bring one wrapped gift or baked good per family unit or couple or individual

For **Children's Games**, simply have fun!



Preview launch of the "Walk for Water", a water source campaign

How far can you carry 40 lbs. of water? Stay tuned!

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Memory Room!



As we are here in the anticipation for this upcoming summer, we can't wait for those moments and connections to happen again. It's said every month, but it can't be said enough -- thank you for the role that you play in our community in ensuring that these connections continue to happen here at BCC. Whether a parent who has signed your camper up for camp, a youth pastor pointing your congregation towards these opportunities, an alumni who still holds the memories of your time at camp fondly in your heart, a financial supporter directly contributing to the ongoing operations of camp, or any of the other myriad of other ways you participate; we couldn't do it without you

Save the Date for Streams & Stories!

Over the past two years, the BCC community has joined together for **Streams & Stories** to raise over \$40,000 towards camperships to ensure that everyone can experience the power of camp regardless of financial need.

This year, the 2022 BCC Summer Staff are asking you to join them in supporting campers
on Thursday, June 17th.

Throughout the day, the staff will be sharing on the BCC [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) highlighting the importance of camp and sharing their stories with our community. The staff have a **goal of \$10,000 in support of campers and they need your help!**

Don't Miss Out on Your Best Week of Summer!

Over 600 campers have already registered for summer camp!

Many sessions and age groups are filling quickly, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible. We updated our health and safety protocols in mid-March which can be viewed at the link below.

Registration is also open for Family Camp and the Artist's Retreat which are held Session Three - July 3-8.

Learn more and register for Bear Creek Camp:

<https://bearcreekcamp.org/camp-news/>

Jordan members can receive ½ campership to Bear Creek Camp!

Contact the church office to learn how!

Bear Creek Camp's core purpose is to help individuals **explore, celebrate and grow in God's creation**. We cultivate a dynamic ministry of experiences and community through:

- Having fun
- Sharing faith
- Developing leaders
- Building character
- Promoting adventure, and
- Embracing the inclusion of all.

Calling All Graduates . . .



It's that time of year when many people, young or a little bit older, are coming to the closing chapter of their studies at various schools. Jordan would like to honor all recent graduates, including high school, vocational schools, college, specialty school - whatever! Please fill out the form below AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JUNE 26TH if you are a recent graduate or have someone in your family who is a recent graduate. We will print the information in the July/August newsletter. Your church family wants to share your joy!

Graduate Information Form

Name of Graduate _____

Name of School _____

Degree/Curriculum _____

Additional Information (*honors, awards, etc.*): if there are many, please choose a few you are most proud of

Plans after graduation (*employment, college, graduate studies, etc.*):

Jordan relationships (*son/daughter/grandchild of etc.*):

Scholarships Available to Members

Did you know that Jordan's Endowment Disbursement Fund has money available for you to use toward your college expenses? \$500 per year, maximum of \$2000 per person is available. Educational assistance may include tuition, room and board, books and supplies, educational camps/conferences, etc. Please contact the church office for a request form.





Jordan
Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School

*Join us
this
summer!*

June 20 - June 24
9am-12pm daily



Online registration is now open:
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/1d2719>

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



Gaining Strength: Stronger Together

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you...” [Isaiah 43:2] This is the promise God made to the people of Israel, in a time when the whole nation was suffering the consequences of their turning away from their primary mission: to love God and love neighbor – especially, neighbors with the least advantages, status and resources. For our time, our church, and our synod, one of our most troubling issues is the sin of racism. Isaiah goes on to say: “Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!” [Is. 43:8] This speaks to the first step to take into those troubled waters: opening our eyes and ears to see and listen – with minds and hearts willing to go beneath the smooth surface and stir up the stories and truths that, though troubling, will clear the way for God “to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” [Is. 43:19]

+ Bishop Christopher deForest

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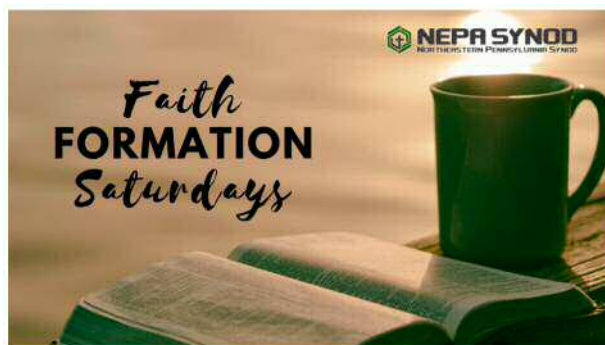
On May 22, 2021, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod hosted a virtual conference called “Trouble the Water,” an inaugural day of racial justice worship and workshops. The goal of this event was to help our congregations to be more welcoming to Black, indigenous, and people of color; and to focus on racial justice and reconciliation within our churches, communities, and synod.

Participants were welcomed with a brief introduction to what we hoped to accomplish, and a request for participants to join us in that troubled water – to be willing to experience the discomfort caused by the ripples, and to plan to ride the waves of change and progress that we hoped to create. The organizers started with a land acknowledgment, acknowledged our shared national history of racism and discrimination, and explained that such historical acknowledgment was not about blaming us as individuals today, but about understanding how we came to be where we are in order to understand how to move forward together.

Next, we all worshiped together with song, prayer, and a sermon by Rev. Dr. James Thomas on “The Sins of Racism.” Following worship, The Reverend CeCee Mills delivered an incredibly powerful keynote address, and after that two sets of concurrent workshops were offered. The first set of workshop options included Understanding Microaggressions, Trauma-Informed Neighborhood Engagement, Understanding Implicit Bias, and a presentation on the community organizing group POWER Northeast. The second set of workshops included Seeing and Disrupting Racism; Understanding White Privilege; and Church Together (led by ELCA Director of Racial Justice Jennifer De Leon).

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The “Trouble the Water” event provided important space for honest, difficult conversation: wrestling with systemic racism and naming our complicity in a broken, inequitable system. Your gifts cultivate a Synod culture that listens to the stories of all people and actively works towards reflecting the Kingdom of God. Our ELCA has a mission of encountering 1 million new, young, and diverse people with the Good News in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support. It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission. + Rev. Rachael Dietz



**Join us on the 2nd
Saturday of every month!**
(more information on our website)