Jordan Lutheran Church

As the Jordan Flows

A Newsletter for Jordan Family and Friends

Celebrating God – Connecting People

November 2026

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As I sit and write this I am blessed, looking out my window, surrounded by the beautiful oak and maple trees changing into their fall attire of golden red and burnt yellows! Fall is my favorite season …although I have to admit I wouldn't want to live anywhere else without the four seasons!

I often hear people say they don't like fall simply because that means the chilly winter will follow! This is true! And part of the fall season means exactly that…preparing the outside for the winter months. Yardwork and flower beds need to be cleaned up; summer outdoor furniture needs to be brought in or covered up. We need to make sure our heating systems are cleaned and ready to go. There is a lot of prep work to be done as we both enjoy the beauty of fall, while preparing for the winter months ahead.

At church, during this coming month we start off on Sunday November 1st by celebrating All Saint's Sunday, remembering those who have died and passed into God's eternal kingdom. As the month moves on we will receive new members on November 8th. The liturgical season of Pentecost (also known as the season of growth – thus the color green) will come to an end as we observe Christ the King Sunday on November 22nd , also the end the liturgical calendar. November 29th marks the beginning of a new liturgical church calendar as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

As we move through this month, there are many changes in the liturgy as well as the colors of the paraments and a lot of preparation as we plan for the events of this month. I can't help but wonder how it is that you and I take time to prepare our hearts as we invite God into the changes of our life. Our lessons this month will help us do that as we are called to take notice to our relationship with God and evaluate how we respond to God's blessings in our daily life as God leads us to be transformed.

Each day is a new day and we are so blessed to be a part of God's love and ministry! Come, be a part of Jordan as together we worship the creator that walks with us through the changes of our life! And while you're at it, why not share the love and joy of God with a friend and invite them to be a part of the life in Christ at Jordan Lutheran!

With God's abundant blessings and love!

Pastor Dody

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 2026

All Saints Sunday (11/1)

8:00 Worship / 10:30 Worship both with communion

9:15 Sunday School

(Don't forget to change your clock back on the 1st!)

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (11/8)

8:00 Worship

10:30 Worship with communion

New Members Received

9:15 Sunday School

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (11/15)

8:00 Worship w comm/ 10:30 Worship

9:15 Sunday School

Christ The King Sunday (11/22)

8:00 Worship / 10:30 Worship both with communion

9:15 Sunday School

First Sunday of Advent (11/29)

Healing Service

9:15 Sunday School

Pastor Dody will be on vacation 11/25 thru 12/2. Please contact Pastor Brian Riedy (610-844-8924) for pastoral emergencies.

Deadlines Newsletter — 15th of the month prior to publication

Worship Bulletin — 10 a.m. Wednesdays

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November 2026 Council Report

Devotions led by Bob Scheffler
Approved 9-10-26 minutes and 10-8-26 agenda.
Guests: Richard Semmel.
Correspondence: None

Staff Reports:

Pastor (written) Two brainstorming sessions held with a total of seven members present.
- Confirmation meeting for parents/youth and acolyte training done. Summary presented.

Dir Faith Form (written): Rally Day "Walking with Jesus" them. Check Sunday School Hallway!
- Planning youth mission trip for July 25- 30, 2027, Springfield, VA.
- Working on planning Congregational Pictorial Directory for spring 2027.

Committee Highlights/Reports: (The following did not meet in September: Worship & Music, New Member, Personnel, Technology)

Treasurer: No report due to vacation.

Property: Handicap ramp from curb onto Sunday School entrance not possible. Kitchen door replaced.

Outreach(written): 265 cards mailed to shut-ins and members of congregation for year to date.
- Prayer Shawl - 34 hats,54 scarfs, 13 headbands, 5 slipper sets and 2 sets of hats/scarfs delivered to Everlasting Life Ministry in Allentown.
- Octoberfest will be held Oct 10, 2026 4-6 p.m.
- GWOH planned for 10/25/26 following 10:30 service with luncheon and projects.
- "Selfie, Snack and Santa" Community event planned for 12-5-2026, 9 – 11 a.m.

Family Center (written): Adding one community group – ECHO Learning Coop on several Wed a.m. to the end of the year. Will use Family Center.

Christian Education (written): Guest from Universal Church Directories presented info.
- Sunday School Rally Day was held on Sept. 13th as well as Confirmation meeting.
- Christmas Program will be held on Sunday December 20th at 9:15 a.m. worship service.
- 3D Youth Group had a great turn out for its 1st meeting back from the summer break. 10 youth in attendance!

Finance (written) Continue to work on Proposed 2027 Budget.
- Finances are currently doing well due to a few large one-time member contributions.

Capital Campaign – Pastor reported another round of letters will be mailed out with updates on projects and 2nd appeal for contributions.

Old Business:
Constitution review received back from Synod. Will review and plan to send to congregation for Feb 14, 2027 congregational meeting.
No interest to date for co-coordinators for Family Promise.
Five council members and one confirmed youth positions open for 2027.
Echo Learning Co-op contract through end of Dec 2026 approved.

New Business:
Inactive 3-year letter names reviewed and will be sent out beginning of Nov.
2nd Congregational Meeting will be held Feb 14, 2027 following 9:15 service with luncheon. MSP

Adjourned at 8:53 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is **Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m**. in the Conference Room. All council meetings are open, and members are invited to attend. **Please inform Pastor or Council President if you are requesting to be put on the agenda to speak.** Full reports/minutes can be obtained in the church office. Monthly financial reports can be found on the information rack in the Memory Room and the Narthex.

Church Council

Why You Should Serve On Church Council

1) In your baptism by the Holy Spirit, you have been empowered with gifts to serve the Lord.

2) You have a genuine love for Jesus Christ and his church and are concerned about God's will.

3) You have time to commit to the leadership of this congregation to carry out God's mission.

4) No experience needed, just an honest and pure desire to serve the Lord and work with others.

If you or someone you know may be interested in serving on Church Council, please contact Doug Fay dougrfay@gmail.com, Bill Hendricks, wrhljh@rcn.com, or Pastor Dody at 610.442.6362 or prdody@gmail.com, to have your name placed on the list of nominees.

There are five open positions. All Council terms are three years. There is also an open position for one Confirmed youth. Elections take place at our December 6, 2026 Congregational Meeting.

Council Members Needed

Nomination form is due by Sunday November 29th, 2026

We are looking for several candidates to serve on the Congregation Council. At our December 6th, Congressional Meeting, we will be electing a few people to serve for three-year terms. Please nominate one or more people you think would be a good council member (don't forget to ask them. Or you may want to prayerfully consider nominating yourself if you feel so called! Please return the form to the church office by Sunday, November 29, 2026.

COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Name –

Contact Info –

First Congregational Meeting **Sunday December 6th** following 9:15am Service

Your participation in this meeting is important to us!

Vote for council members and Endowment Investment/Disbursement committee members and approve the 2027 budget.

GAMEDAY
is the best day

Jordan Lutheran's GAME DAY is held on the First & Third Tuesdays of each month. Join us at 1:30-3:30pm for games, food and fun. Newcomers are welcome!
For more info please contact **Jean & Dave Adam: 610.395.4282**

The Circle of Faith class is held on Sundays, 9:15 in room 2. We will continue with the Bad Girls of the Bible series which will be followed by Season 6 of The Chosen. All are welcome to join! Drop in any Sunday. No homework will be assigned! For more information contact
Darlene at andy.wenhold@verizon.net

Circle of Faith

Pennsylvania Dutch Classes

Classes are held on Thursday evenings until December 11th. No meeting on Thanksgiving Day (11.26.26) Classes meet at 7:00-8:45pm in the Social Room.
Winter-Spring Classes
begin January 7, 2027.

Knitters/crocheters meet Wednesday mornings at 9:00am in the parlor near the main office.
Newcomers most welcome!

NOVEMBER Birthdays

1 Greg Mikols
5 Abigail Gross
Andrew Murphy
6 Melinda Lichtenwalner
Susan Tough
8 Lori Fiorvanti
Howard Schneider
Jeffrey Steiner
9 Callie Boscia
10 Patricia Geiger
Fred Weidman
11 Joyce Oertner
12 Jack Hoffman
15 Emma Gillette
Jordan Kerschner
Sharon Naugle
Donnalee Stark
Darlene Wenhold
18 Cynthia Gingras
19 Judith Young
25 Roland Harrier
Judy Huff
Cedella Schenck
27 Brian Lichtenwalner
Lori Nagy
28 Davide Silvoneck
29 Angela Heston
Melissa Richebacher
30 Hope Strobl

Make Someone Smile Today! Send a Card

Everyone loves to receive a card or letter! Our shut-ins have expressed so much appreciation and emotion when they are the recipient of a birthday, holiday, or just a 'hello' card from fellow Jordan members. So take a few minutes, sit down to write a note, send a greeting, say HI. Tell them about yourself, maybe share a joke or just let them know that

they are loved.

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

2 Julie & Adam Althouse (2)
3 Sandra & Clarence Hoffman 67)
9 Althea & Gene Hahn (52)
Carolyn Ann & Greg Mikols (35)
23 Sharon & Terry Naugle (58)
25 Valerie & Jeffrey Berdahl (37)
30 Melinda & Brian Lichtenwalner (35)

Shirley Wertman. The Manor at Fellowship 3000 Fellowship Dr Whitehall PA 18052

Reed Klotz. Cedar Crest Post Acute: 1265 S Cedar Crest Blvd Rm 342A Allentown PA 18103

Paulette Bassler. Parkland Manor Apt A-14 4636 Crackersport Rd Allentown PA 18104

Carol A Kuhns. Country Meadows RM 379 450N Krocks Rd Allentown PA 18106

Margaret Smith. Devon House Room 100 1930 Bevin Dr Allentown PA 18103

Gary & Alice Schneck. Saucon Valley Manor 1050 Main St C-43 Hellertown PA 18055

Dale Gogel. Gracedale Nursing Home: 2 Gracedale Ave T06 Nazareth PA 18064

Rumpun Heller. Cedarbrook: 350 S Cedarbrook Rd Allentown PA 18104

Ann Heller .4781 Hoffmansville Rd Orefield PA 18069

Herbert Hullinger. 5970 Memorial Rd Germansville PA 18053

Gratitude

Dear Congregation of Jordan Lutheran Church,

I am very grateful for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and concern during my recovery from a hip fracture/surgical repair as a result of a biking mishap.

I'm very fortunate to be making good progress due to your prayers, the surgical skills of a fine orthopedic surgeon, and some very beneficial ongoing physical therapy.

May God bless all of you for being so kind and compassionate during this most recent bump in the road for me...or should I say fall on the bike trail.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude,

Kathy Lutterschmidt

November 1st

Pastoral Acts -

Celebration of Life
for
Janet P. Stettler
Born July 8, 1933
Entered into Eternal Life
September 30, 2026

Also

Anna Bieber
Born December 13, 1927
Entered into Eternal Life
October 8, 2026

Dear Jordan,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that graced the altar on 10/18/26.
Surgery went well, just healing. Hope to be back to choir and my church family as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prayers.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Bacak

Holiday Hope Chest Boxes

The holidays are right around the corner! To support the **Holiday Hope Chests** program, the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley is in need of filled Christmas boxes with toiletries, toys, and gifts for underprivileged children and youth in our local community. **Pick-up the wrapped box**: starting **Sunday, October 25th**, boxes will be available in the Memory Room, with a list of suggested items in each box. Please read it thoroughly, there are specific accepted and non-accepted items. Please **sign-up** when taking a box! **Return the wrapped & filled box: on or before Sunday, November 22nd** to the Memory Room. **Mark as a returned** on the sign-up sheet! Please keep the gift tag on the box to note the age and gender.

Good afternoon,

I want to begin by sharing my deepest gratitude for everything you do for **Family Promise of Lehigh Valley**. Your dedication has changed lives. Because of your generosity and heart for service, **563 local children** have been supported through our programs since we first opened our doors. That is an incredible milestone, and it belongs to all of us.
Today, we find ourselves at a pivotal crossroads. Our amazing host coordinators Dean at **Jordan** and Ruth at **St. Joseph the Worker** need to step down from their roles. Together, these two wonderful congregations cover **8 weeks of hosting** throughout the year. If we cannot fill these positions, we face a heartbreaking reality: these congregations will no longer be able to host, and Family Promise will suffer a massive loss in our ability to shelter local families.
We are asking you to prayerfully consider if this is a mission you can step into.
Please know that **you do not have to do this alone**. In fact, the most successful congregations share the joy by dividing the host coordinator role into a team of small, manageable tasks. You can partner with friends or fellow congregants to split the responsibilities:
The Scheduler: Coordinates the volunteer calendar.
The Shopper: Handles grocery and supply runs.
The Setup & Teardown Crew: Helps prep the space before families arrive and pack up when the week ends.
The Clean-Up Team: Ensures the facility is refreshed and ready for regular church use.
By stepping up, you aren't just taking on a volunteer role, you are personally ensuring that children and their parents have a safe, warm place to sleep and a community to lean on during their hardest moments.
If you have a heart for this ministry and would be open to a casual conversation about what this looks like, please reach out to me. I would love to talk with you, answer any questions, and help you figure out how your unique gifts can serve these families.

Thank you for your continued faith, compassion, and commitment to our neighbors.
Roslyn Kuba
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The Family Promise appeal by Roslyn Kuba for new Co-directors is now on the YouTube channel and Facebook. Dean Wagaman and Fran will be retiring at the end of the year. November 29 & December 6

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-64367311-hosting

Ho, ho, ho! Santa will be visiting Jordan's Family Center from 9:00-11:00am on December 5, 2026. Your family and friends are invited to join us for "Selfies, Snacks & Santa", a free Outreach Community Event. Youth up to 12 years of age will have the opportunity to decorate gingerbread cookies, attend story time, participate in a coloring experience, take photos with Santa and enjoy snacks with their family. Join us for a fun holiday spirited morning. Please call the church office (610.395.5912) to register your child/children for this event. Walk-ins are welcome, Check the November bulletins for additional ways to register.

To our Lutheran Family,

Please consider donating 2 dozen cookies, juice boxes and individual bags of snacks for the "Selfies, Snacks & Santa" Outreach Community Event. Donors may Pick-A-Ticket in the Memory Room or call the church office beginning November 9th to sign-up. Deliver your donations to the Memory Room on Sunday, November 29th or to the church office November 30th through December 2nd during office hours. Cookies **(no nuts please)** should be dropped off in **sealed containers** and labeled"Santa Snacks".

Thank you! The Outreach Committee

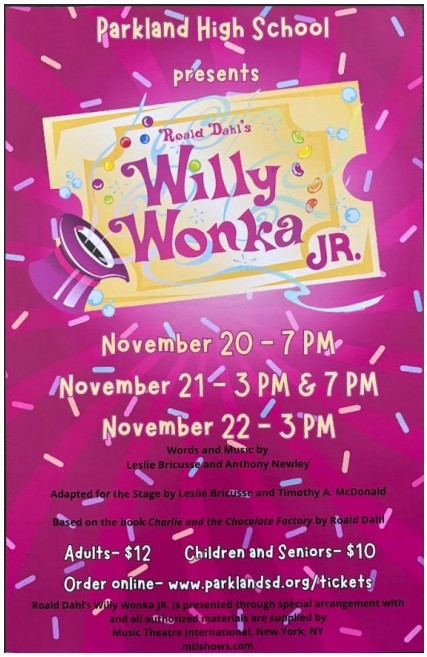
Oktoberfest Fun was had by ALL

OUTING & Upcoming 3D Youth Activities and Volunteer Opportunities

The signup Link for ANY of the listed events is below:

ACTIVITY SIGN UP HERE!

11/08- Next RaiseRight Gift Card Order Due!
11/6-8 - Come support your friends! Nora Scheffler will be performing in Springhouse Middle School's Production of "When Bad Things Happen
11/21-3D Family Bowling – Hampton Lanes 5-7:30 $10/pp
11/22 - 3D Meeting & Willy Wonka Jr.



Thrivent Members!!

We need you! As a member of Thrivent, a value resource is available to you…and to us. As a spokesperson for the Outreach Committee, we frequently take advantage of a generous $250 grant program that is available to Thrivent members. The grants that Thrivent endorses provides financial support for many of our valuable activities that we promote throughout the year. Utilizing this funding, our committee has been able to significantly reduce the need to withdraw any monies from the Jordan budget. Rest assured, if you allow us to complete the necessary paperwork in order to release funding, *your premiums will* ***not*** *be affected*! A win/win situation!

How can you help? Please notify me if you are a Thrivent member and provide me with your name and contact number so I may further discuss this grant program and its benefits. Even if you have already provided your approval to be involved in this program in 2022, please contact me so your name can be added to our resource list for next year. Simply reach out to Dave Mancke, 484.866.6620 (Text or call) or Email at mancke@rcn.com."

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. **WORSHIP** **8:00 & 10:30** **com. at both** ***All Saints Sunday*** ***9:15-Circle of Faith*** ***9:15-Sunday School*** **9:30-Chorale** **Turn Your Clock Back**	2 9-10 Food Pantry 6:30-Jordanier Bowlers 7:00-BoyScouts	3 1:30 Game Day 5:00-Daisy Troop 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00-Worship & Music 6;30-Endowment Invest 7:30-Volleyball	4 9:00-Prayer Shawl 1:00-Staff Mtg. 4:00 -Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherubs 6-7 Food Pantry 6:30-Friendship Ringers 7:00 Badminton	5 8-5-Rising Roots 10:00-Exec. Com. 7:00-PA Dutch 7:00-Volleyball	6 7:00-Volleyball 7:00-AA mtg. 9:30-Volleyball	7
8 **WORSHIP** **8:00 & 10:30** **com.** ***9:15-Circle of Faith*** ***9:15-Sunday School*** **9:30-Chorale**	9 6:30-Jordanier Bowlers 7:00-Boy Scouts 6-9:00 Volleyball 8:00-Allentown Band	10 5:00-Daisy Troop 5:30-Basketball 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30-Bible Study 7:30-Volleyball	11 9:00-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:00-Cherubs 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Canon Choir	12 8-5-Rising Roots 7:00- Council 7:00-PA Dutch 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-OE Anon.	13 7:00-Volleyball 9:30-Volleyball	14 *8am-1pm* *Boy Scout* *Food Drive* *Social Hall* *9:00am –* *3:00pm-* *Confirmation* *Retreat*
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29 **WORSHIP** **8:00 &** **10:30** **Healing Service** **9:15-Sunday School** **9:30-Chorale**	30 6:30-Jordanier Bowlers 7:00-Boy Scouts 6-9:00 Volleyball					

Editors Note:
-The Early Morning Sobriety Group will meet each day at 5:45am
-The AA meetings will take place each Sunday at 6:30pm