

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Writing this on Ash Wednesday is like playing Monopoly - do not pass Go - but go directly to jail. Well, not the jail part. Instead, it feels like we get to go directly to Easter with this letter.

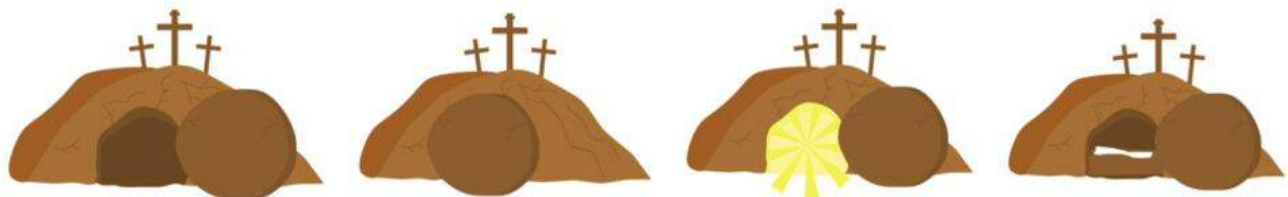
Much of our culture wants to do the same from Valentine's Day directly to Easter (not even much to do with St. Patrick's Day either). When we go straight to Easter, we miss the importance along the journey. We miss the anticipation. We miss the journey leading into Palm Sunday. We miss the accusations hurled at Jesus and the humiliation which relates to our own humility. We miss his trial and his willingness to go to the cross for you and me. We miss his triumph over everlasting death. We miss the fear of knowing his tomb was empty along with the confusion of the women and the disciples. All of this is part of the journey to Easter Sunday.

Without all this --- it is hard to appreciate Jesus' death and resurrection in its entirety. Join us for worship beginning with Palm Sunday through Holy Week (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday). As you leave Holy Week services, especially Good Friday, may you be filled with the solemnity of the tomb being sealed and the feeling of the unknown and uncertainty as the first disciples did.

Then on Easter Morning we return to worship the Risen Christ, singing with joyful hearts the alleluias, and rejoicing that Christ is not found in the empty tomb. Instead, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed to for all our sins giving us new life - redeeming us from the grave of eternal death!

May you experience the fullness of Holy Week so that you may be filled fully with God's love and redeeming grace! Alleluia! Praise be to God for Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!!!! Alleluia!

A Blessed Easter to you & yours!!!
Pastor Dody



CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE

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DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication
Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE
256

WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 2024

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

Third Sunday in Lent (3/3)

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

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service (3/6)

Fourth Sunday in Lent (3/10)

Daylight Savings Time begins – change your clocks!!

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

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service (3/13)

Fifth Sunday in Lent (3/17)

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

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service (3/20)

Palm/Passion Sunday (3/24)

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

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (3/28)
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (3/29)

The Resurrection of Our Lord (3/31)

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (on the cemetery, weather permitting)
8:00-Worship Service w/communion
10:30-Worship Service w/communion



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: Mar. 3, 10, 31; Apr 7, 14; May 19, 26
Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or *\$20/1 vase*; Bulletins for \$20.

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 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. 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.

"Thrivent Choice"

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THRIVENT ACCOUNTS

Thrivent Choice can have a tremendous impact on organizations like ours. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership: Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Jordan. You can make a profound impact! Your remaining 2023 Thrivent Choice dollars must be directed **by March 31, 2024.**



Lent in Plain Sight



Midweek Lenten Worship Services are under way, as we prepare ourselves by taking time to reflect on our relationship with God. Join us each week at 6:00 p.m. for a soup/salad/sandwich dinner in the Memory Room, followed by our Mid-Week Lenten worship service at 7:00 p.m.

On the Wednesdays during Lent (through March 20th), we will worship at 7:00 p.m. using Holden Evening Prayer. This year's theme will be "Lent in Plain Sight," from the book "Lent in Plain Sight - A devotion Through Ten Objects," by Jill J. Duffield, copyright 2020.

The focus and themes are as follows:

Feb 21st - Bread from Heaven - Exodus 16:4 - 12

Feb 28th - Take Up Your Cross - Mark 8:31-38

March 6th - Image on the Coin - Mark 12: 13 - 17

March 13th - Shoes of Proclamation - Ephesians 6:10-17

March 20th - Out of Oil - Matthew 25: 1-13



Please join us this Lenten season for a time of reflection, rejuvenation and reconnecting!



Jordan Lenten Soup Suppers have begun! Please join us for soup, salad, bread, and dessert at 6:00pm in the Memory Room prior to the 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten worship service. If you would like to contribute food to any of the suppers, please use the sign-up sheet located on the circular bulletin board in the Memory Room. See Darlene Wenhold, Judy Grim, or Ingrid Martz if you have any questions.

Council Highlights – February 8, 2024

Approval of January Jan 11, 2024, minutes, and the February 8th agenda.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports:

Pastor (written): New Members (7) will be received Sunday February 18th:

- First Communion classes scheduled for 2/28, 3/3, 3/10 from 1 - 3 p.m.
- Attended Bishop's Conference and the 2023 "Generosity Extravaganza Seminar.

Dir of Faith Formation (written): Souper Bowl Collection & Luncheon planned for 2/11.

- S.S classes made Lenten bags for our shut-ins.
- Egg hunt set for 3/30. Need help sorting and stuffing eggs 3/17 and 3/24.
- VBS director needed.

Committee Highlights:

Treasurer: none

Worship & Music (written): - Proposed 2 half pews by the baptismal font be removed to allow more room for the safety of communicants, baptismal families, children's sermons and handbell tables. Pews to be placed in Memory Room. MSP

- 5 artificial Christmas wreaths will be purchased for inside the sanctuary.

Technology: No report.

Property: No report.

Outreach/Mission: "Sweet Dreams Ministry" collected 28 twin sheet sets, 16 pillows, 7 twin mattress pads, and 1 blanket for 6th St. Shelter. Thank you all!

- Appreciation Luncheon planned for S. Whitehall Police Dept. 4/12.

Family Center (written): 7 active sports teams; 6 community organizations; 1 member use.

Christian Education (written): - Gaga ball pit(game) for youth events will be purchased.

- Confirmation Brunch will be offered this year on 5/26 at 8:00 a.m.
- Last day of SS classes will be 5/12.

Finance: No report.

New Members: Shepherds have been recruited for the four new families.

- Reception planned to meet and greet new members following 10:30 worship service in Memory Room.

Pantry (written): 21 households, 23 adults, 14 children, 23 elderly were served this month.

Old Business: Childcare program denied to due lack of credentials at this time.

- Capital Campaign Committee being formed to deal with property concerns. D Clark will contact those who volunteered to start the committee.

New Business: Member inquired about a 290th Anniversary Celebration of church in the fall. Will seek more info regarding leadership/participation.

- Proposed dates for church picnic in June. Checking with Outreach/4F Celebration and Music & Worship.
- Church Mutual Insurance requests a meeting prior to renewal in May. Will set up date.

Next regular council meeting is March 14, 2024, 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.

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.



Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

Grab your basket and hop on over to JELC **Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration, Saturday, March 30, 2024.**

Registration at 9:30 am and event at 10 am in the Family Center for children 12 and under. Activities for children include crafts, jellybean and candy guessing, children's skit, goody bags and prizes! Invite your friends and neighbors too!

JELC Egg Hunt prep needed

Help needed, Sunday, March 24, between worship services to stuff eggs for the upcoming egg hunt. There will also be volunteer opportunities before, during and after the egg hunt. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Memory Room to indicate your participation. Thank you!

Egg Hunt Candy and Gift Card Donations

Egg Hunt candy and gift card donations are needed. Donation tags will be in the Memory Room to indicate your participation in donating individually wrapped candy bag donations needed by Sunday, March 24. Gift card donations are to be placed in an envelope marked "Egg Hunt" in the offering plate. Thank you!



THANK YOU for fighting hunger!

THANK YOU for your generosity of monetary, food, and gift card donations to support the needs of the JELC Food Pantry to help fight hunger in our community. The total collected during both services was \$474.20, plus 2 - \$25 gift cards. Food donations have already been added to the Food Pantry shelves. Thank you from the JELC Food Pantry.

Other announcements:

CE Meeting – March 5 at 5 pm, Room 4

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – MARCH 31

Save the Date Announcements:

***Mother's Day Brunch – Saturday, May 4th – 10 am – Memory Room**

Empty Nest Crafts – presenters

***Faith Night – Iron Pigs Baseball game – Friday, June 7, 2024, 7:05 pm**

Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, PA

***JELC VBS – June 17 – 21 – 9 am – 11:45 am – Family Center**



4-F Celebration Outdoor Worship & Picnic, Sunday, June 9, 2024, at Lone Lane Park.
More info to come! FAITH! FELLOWSHIP! FOOD! FUN!



Don't forget to "spring forward" by turning your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. on March 10th!



Remaining hosting weeks for 2024 are - Feb 25 & Mar 3, Aug 4 & 11, & Nov 3 & 10.

The signupgenius links are here & you can always find the links on the Jordan website - > Ministries - > Outreach

February 25 – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-46648446-hosting>

March 3 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-46648527-hosting>

Call or email Dean with any questions at 484-241-6992 or wagaman@ptd.net. Thank you for your prayers and support!



2024 marks the **290th anniversary of Jordan**! We are looking for interested people to form a committee to come up with ideas to celebrate this milestone. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Glenn Hahn at

610-597-8038

or

gandk5124@verizon.net

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(IN SEARCH OF) MUSICIANS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is Sunday, March 31st. Instrumental musicians are needed to accompany services at 6:30 a.m. (in cemetery, weather permitting), 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. I anticipate two rehearsals to prepare. If you are willing to serve your church in a very important way on the primary festival of the church year, please complete the slip below and return to Susan Hartney, Organist. Players of all levels are welcome!

Any questions, contact Susan Hartney

Phone: 610-360-6934

Email: suzyflute@aol.com



YES! I would like to play on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. I understand I am committing to two rehearsals and playing at the service(s) I choose. You may return slip via offering plate, USPS, or reply by phone or email.

Name _____ Contact Info _____

Instrument _____

Played for how long? _____

Preferred Service Time (circle one) 6:30 8:00 10:30 You may choose more than one!!

EASTER TRIBUTES

To honor or memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it (along with your check or cash) to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than Palm Sunday. All tributes will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Additional forms are available in the foyer or church office.

Your Name _____

Your phone number or email _____ Env. No. _____



\$ _____ Flowers (\$12.00 per memorial flower)
\$ _____ Hunger Donation
\$ _____ Memorial Fund Donation
\$ _____ Pantry Donation
\$ _____ Total



One tribute per form, please

In honor of (living) _____

In memory of (deceased) _____

By _____

For office use only – do not detach

Easter Tributes

NAME _____

PHONE NO. or EMAIL _____

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

Please check: _____ Flower (F51) _____ Hunger Fund (F849) _____ Memorial Fund (F700) _____ Pantry (F600)



With Appreciation

The 6th Street Shelter

extends a BIG THANK YOU to Jordan members for their generous donations. Jordan donated 28 twin sheet sets, 16 pillows, 7 twin mattress pads and 1 twin blanket during their January “Sweet Dreams” collection drive for the families at the shelter. This is one more example of how Jordan reaches well beyond our physical walls to eagerly help those having needs in our community.

Cetronia Ambulance

expresses gratitude for Jordan’s contribution of \$500. Your response to our annual appeal represents a strong statement of your confidence and encouragement toward Cetronia’s promising future. and plays a vital part in enabling us to continue to provide the highest quality emergency medical services to the communities we serve.

Second Harvest Food Bank

thanks Jordan for supporting the work of Second Harvest with a donation of \$600. We provide food assistance to more than 80,000 people in need each month through a network of more than 200 member agencies in Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe Northampton, Pike and Wayne Counties. Thank you for joining us to help end hunger in the Lehigh Valley and Northeast PA. Together, we are strengthening our community and making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Tri Clover Fire Company

sends grateful thanks for Jordan’s donation to our Fund Drive 2023-24. Your generosity is appreciated by all our members and the community which we serve. We sincerely thank you.

Lutheran Congregational Services

thanks Jordan for two gifts of \$20.83. 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.

Family Promise

expresses their deepest gratitude and appreciation to Jordan for your generous donation of \$1000 which brings us one step closer to helping every family find a stable home. It enables us to offer shelter, meals, case management, and comprehensive support services to families experiencing or about to experience homelessness. Thank you for your generosity and belief in our mission. Your support means the world to us and the families we serve. Together, we can make a lasting impact and create a brighter future for those in need.

January 9, 2024

Glenn Wagner, Treasurer
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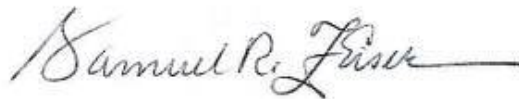
Dear Mr. Wagner,

I have been informed by members of the finance staff at the Synod Office that Jordan Church recently made a generous contribution to the Samuel & Linda Zeiser Fund for Leaders Scholarship Fund. What a very thoughtful gesture of kindness! My wife Linda and I are deeply grateful for your kind support of this Fund, established to support seminarians in their pursuit of professional ministry in the Lutheran Church. Thank you very much.

Jordan Church's gift to the Fund brings us a heartfelt sense of joy because of your kind remembrance of a fund established in our honor and because of your warm hospitality to us when visiting your congregation. The embracing spirit of Jordan Church makes a powerful witness to God's love in Christ.

Please convey our gratitude to the Congregation Council. Linda and I pray that God will bless the Council's leadership of Jordan Church throughout 2024. Our greetings to one and all.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel R. Zeiser", followed by a horizontal line.

The Rev. Samuel R. Zeiser



Contact the church
office or Director
of Faith Formation
for more
information!



BEAR CREEK CAMP

SUMMER CAMP:

Our overnight youth program for grades 1-12 is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development.

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Experience the many amazing things that camp has to offer with your family.

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Surround yourself with the beauty of nature to support and inspire your art.

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JOIN US THIS SUMMER!



Session 1: June 16 - 21*

Session 2: June 23 - 28*

Session 3: June 30 - July 5*

**50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**
Friday, July 5th

Session 4: July 7 - 12*

Session 5: July 14 - 19*

Session 6: July 21 - 26*

Session 7: July 28 - August 2*

Session 8: August 4 - 9

* Try Camp is available Sunday - Wednesday
+ Family Camp, Artist's Retreat
Rafting trip option available



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@BearCreekCamp

Jordan offers ½ campership for members!



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5:00-Badminton 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball	2
3 WORSHIP 8:00 -Communion & 10:30 9:15 Sunday School, Circle of Faith 9:30-Chorale 6:30-AA Mtg	4 6:00-Jordaniers 7:00-Boy Scouts 5:00-Lacrosse 7:30-Altwn Band	5 9:30-Staff Mtg. 5:00-Brownies 5:30-Basketball 7:30-Volleyball	6 9am-Prayer Shawl 5:00-Lacrosse 6:15-Fr Ringers 6:30-Canon Choir 6:00-Soup Supper 7:00-Lenten Service* 7:00-Badminton	7 8am-5pm-Rising Roots School 5:00-Lacrosse 6:00-Exec com mtg 7:00-PA Dutch cls 7:00-Volleyball	8 5:00-Badminton 7:00-Volleyball 7:30-AA Mtg 9:30-Volleyball	9
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Holy Week						
31 EASTER Sun WORSHIP 6:30-Sunrise Service 8:00 & 10:30 Services w/ Holy Communion	<p>*Wednesday Evening Holden Evening Prayer Services at 7:00 p.m. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a Soup Supper in the Memory Room!</p> <p>The 10:30 worship service continues to be livestreamed & you may watch on our website (www.jordanlutheran.org) or on our Facebook page (Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church).</p>					