

As the Jordan Flows

A Newsletter for Jordan Family and Friends

May 2013

Worship Schedule

Sixth Sunday of Easter (5/5)

8:00 - WOV Worship Service
10:30 - GIA Worship Service w/Com.
12:00 noon - Service of Health & Wholeness

Seventh Sunday of Easter (5/12)

8:00 - ELW Worship Service w/Com.
10:30 - ELW Worship Service/Rogation

The Day of Pentecost (5/19)

8:00 - Worship Service w/Com.
10:30 - Worship Service w/Com.
Confirmation

The Holy Trinity (5/26)

8:00 - GIA Worship Service w/Com.
10:30 - WOV Worship Service

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Some thoughts from your Pastor...

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

1. to live among God's faithful people;
2. to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper;
3. to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
4. to serve all people, following the example of Jesus;
5. and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

These are the questions that will be asked of six of our young people on Sunday, May 19th, the day of Pentecost. They will have completed their confirmation process. On that day, they will "affirm" their Baptism. It is one more passage these young disciples will go through in their growing faith relationship that God began with them at their Baptism.

That service will be reflective of what we at Jordan are called by the Lord to be about in our ministry and mission together – helping all people who share in our community of faith grow in the relationship which the Lord started with all of us at our Baptisms. I have come to understand that it's about discipleship not about membership -- primarily about faith-heart growth not education-head growth.

According to the dictionary, a "member" is: a person that is part of a society, party, community, or other body. On the other hand, a "disciple" is defined as: one who embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of another. There seems to me to be a significant difference between simply being a part of a group of God's people and having a personal relationship with the Savior through whom we are called to share in the spread the Gospel message with our whole lives.

What those young people will be promising is primarily taking as their own the responsibility to continue to grow in their relationship with their Lord and to be active in sharing that relationship with others to help invite more people into a fuller relationship with God.

The question for each of us as we share in that special time with these young people, is: "Is my/our connection with the Lord about simply being a church 'member' or about continuing to grow in that relationship started with us at our Baptism as a 'disciple' partnering in mission and ministry to spread the Good News individually and together?"

Peace,

Pastor Jimmy Lee

Save the date! On June 23, 2013, we will have our sixth **Outdoor Worship and Picnic**. It will be hard to improve on past years, but the committee will be supplying the details soon as far as food, games, etc. Mark the date on your calendar!!



The following parishioners recently volunteered their time and talents to enhance our Sunday worship services:

Altar Guild

Donna Stark, Deb Gingerich
Pat Dalrymple, Judy Grim

Lectors

Deb Gingerich, Shirley Schneider, Ted Dubois, Julie Boscia, Tammy Klotz, David Godshall, Shirley Miller, Lee Kreidler

Ushers

Sonny & Lucille Laudenslager, Kevin & Judy Murphy, Louise & Bruce Stettler, Jensen family, Jenny Stettler, Dominick DiMaggio, Anthony DiMaggio

Bell Tollers

Justin Grim, Chris Boscia, Dan Stark, Andrew Grim, Rich Albright, Meghan Huff, Patty Huff, Drew Budlong, Dale Hahn

Acolytes

Drew Budlong, AJ Wertman, Jamie Silvonek, Anthony DiMaggio, Samantha Klotz, Nick Wertman, Ashleigh Budlong, Will Kroboth

Communion Assistants

Shelly Wagaman, Irene Johnson, Lynn Daniels, Jamie Edelman

Pantry Volunteers

Irene Johnson, Nell Komlos, Sharon Naugle, Terry Naugle, Dottie Ruth

May Bell Tollers

May 5th

8:00 - Justin Grim
10:30 - Bruce Stettler

May 12th

8:00 - Dan Stark
10:30 - Andre Grim

May 19th

8:00 - Rich Albright
10:30 - Chris Boscia

May 26th

8:00 - Sandie Hamil
10:30 - Bruce Stettler

If you cannot be there on your scheduled Sunday, please get a substitute. If you cannot get a substitute, call the church office. Thanks to all of the volunteers! We are always looking for more people to ring the bell on Sundays. If you would like to help, contact the church office.

**Healing Service
Sunday, May 12th
12:00 noon**

In James 5 we read, "Are any among you suffering?...They should pray...Are any among you sick?...Elders of the church should pray over them...The prayer of faith will save the sick...Pray for one another, so that you may be healed."

To give members an opportunity to pray together for healing for themselves and others, we will be offering a **Service of Health and Wholeness** on Sunday, May 12th, at 12:00 noon.

2013 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 6/2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 7/7, 14, 28

Pulpit Flowers: 6/2, 9, 23, 30; 7/7, 14, 28

Bulletins: (2 weekly) **EPP Newspaper Ad:** call for available months

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIP: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 with your choice of date(s) and sponsorship(s). Altar or pulpit flowers are \$35. No need to order flowers - they will be provided weekly by our contracted florist. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate. You are asked to pick them up by 11:30 am on Sunday if you would like to take them home. Any flowers not picked up by that time will be given to shut-ins.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT for March 2013

Income:	Month	YTD
Operating Income	\$47,891.98	\$97,147.10
Bldg./Mortgage	4,176.50	10,099.00
Benevolence	2,562.00	5,913.00
Debt Reduction	3,220.00	4,809.00
Total Income	\$57,850.48	\$117,968.10
Expenses:		
Administration	\$ 929.30	5,210.38
Ministries	771.01	5,034.00
Payroll	18,965.16	62,061.17
Property	13,576.19	33,641.60
Bldg./Mortgage	4,338.00	13,014.00
Benevolence	3,975.00	11,925.00
Total Expenses	\$42,554.66	\$130,886.15
Surplus/Deficit	\$15,395.82	\$(12,918.05)

May BIRTHDAYS

May 1: Alexis Marsteller, Emily Rakos
May 5: Donna Leinberger, Diane Williams
May 6: Michael Boscia, Nicole Brennan, Richard Grammes
May 7: Paulette Bassler, Jennifer Bergen, Debra Bzik, Orville Freitag, Elizabeth Gross, Jay Slaughenhoupt
May 8: Mary Ann Dollak, Kenneth Moyer, Eva Panettiere, Logan Vehovic
May 9: Michele Kozy, Jenny Stettler
May 10: Elizabeth Habermehl
May 11: Elwood Laudenslager, Karen Paul, Ian Tough
May 12: Kayleigh Christianson, Jean Roth, Greg Stout
May 13: Doug Fay, Tim Kocher
May 14: Herb Hullinger, Rachel Peters
May 15: Dylan Dufour, Scott Jensen
May 16: Tom Epting
May 17: Fran Damminger, David Daniel, Christiane Heilman, Joan Heller
May 18: Stephanie Jarecke, Shelley Wynocker
May 19: Terry Christianson, Kay Mancke
May 22: Scott Gaugler, Ken Gross, Erich Hamil, Samantha McNemar, Terri Smoyer
May 23: Courtney Fiore
May 24: Dennis Borst, Dalton Schaadt
May 25: Brittany Hamm, John Meyer, Devon Millington
May 26: Alexandra Amici
May 27: Jennifer Adam, Laura Sandrock
May 28: Samantha Bissey, Devin Dreisbach, Susan Szczepanski, Kimberly Ward
May 29: Michael Piedmonte, Paige Steckel
May 31: Ronald Geiger, Ted Mayo, Dennis Scheetz

**these folks are shut-ins and would sure appreciate a card or phone call!*

May Anniversaries

May 29, 1950: Susan & Donald Moore
May 5, 1951: Lucille & Elwood Laudenslager
May 17, 1958: Shirley & Ray Hamm
May 16, 1959: Betty & Jim Myers
May 11, 1963: Sharon & Ronald Andersch
May 16, 1970: Kathleen & Richard Bacak
May 1, 1971: Donna & Larry Hahn
May 28, 1977: Lynn & Tom Daniels
May 16, 1981: Margaret & Ron Crane
May 16, 1981: Denise & Randy Klinefelter
May 21, 1983: Barbara & Walter Siroka
May 21, 1983: Susan & Charles Deprill
May 10, 1986: Diane & Kenneth Benner
May 7, 1988: Sarah & Ken Gross
May 7, 1988: Michele & Dean Wagaman
May 13, 1989: Deborah & Dennis Reppert
May 13, 1995: Susan & Michael Wertman
May 23, 1998: Kristin & Matthew Hlay
May 1, 1999: Tracie & Kollen Patten
May 6, 2000: Jamie & Brian Edelman
May 20, 2000: Diane & Greg Micheletti
May 5, 2001: Louise & Bruce Stettler
May 26, 2002: Jane & Ray Suhocki
May 24, 2003: Jennifer Adam & Matthew Herman

Council Highlights April 2013

- Guidelines for the Confirmation Program Requirements are being looked at
- Shades were installed in the offices and conference room
- Estimates being sought for new windows for the sexton's house
- Thank you received from synod for JELC mission support

With Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Lenten soup suppers this year. From those who set up the tables and chairs, those who brought food, those who cleaned up, and those who put the tables and chairs away, without all of you Lenten soup supers would not take place. Thank you again.
Louise Q.

Dear Pastor Werley,
Please accept my and my family's deepest gratitude for your visits with Mark and our family, for prayers and compassion, and for your help with planning the service of thanksgiving for Mark's life. You, your staff and the whole Jordan congregation truly embraced us with Christian love during a most difficult time. Our hearts are heavy but the love of our church, our faith, and family help us go on living.

Sincerely,
Ulla Martz and family

John Weremedic sends his appreciation to the pastors for their prayers and visits, and to the Jordan family for their cards, calls, prayers, and concern during his recent hospitalization and recuperation.

Please take time to call, visit, or send a card



LutherCrest: Jean Lee

Whitehall Manor: Ethel Swoyer

Phoebe Home: Erma Lichtenwalner, Eva Shankweiler

Willow Lane: Anne Hulme

Manor Care: Henry Holtzhafer

Country Meadows: Fred Guth

Cedar View: Polly Shellhammer

Saucon Valley Manor: Elizabeth Fritch

At Home: Delores Ruisz, Olive Wood, Marilyn Beaver, Doris Koch, Ned Boore, Doug Hubler, Russell Bear, Betty O'Donnell, Viola Roberts, Margaret Smith

Please keep these people in your prayers:

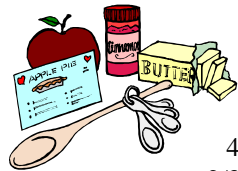
Beth Millar, John Weremedic, Mike Freitag, Barbara Diehl, Randy Wenhold, Melanie Werley

News You Can Use

- **Youth Scrip fundraiser** continues! The youth receive a percentage on each card sold. You can order them for places you shop or dine at regularly and our kids will profit!
- **Pantry Needs for May:** pasta sauce, boxed pasta, tuna, peanut butter, jelly
- **Help is Needed on May 11th:** The pantry will be receiving the annual postal carriers' food collection from the Orefield Post Office. Please mark your calendar to help in the afternoon. The time will be announced in an upcoming bulletin.
- Our **volunteer gardeners** are in need of garden tools including brooms. If anyone has extra ones they would like to donate (or would like to purchase new and donate), please drop them off in the church office.

Some dates to watch for!

- **June 23, 2013 - Outdoor Worship at Lone Lane Park**
- **October 20, 2013 - Macungie Band concert**
- **December 1, 2013 - A Good Pennysworth concert**



Cook's Corner

Thanks to Sandy Hoffman for submitting this recipe.

Lo-Cal Coconut Pie

4 eggs, beaten	½ c. flour
2/3 c. Splenda for Baking	½ stick butter, melted
2 c. skim milk	1 tsp. vanilla
8 oz. flake coconut	

Beat all ingredients and pour into greased 10" pie dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 min. Don't overbake. I always place on cookie sheet or on foil cause it raises a couple inches over the top, but shrinks to its regular size while cooling.

Memorial Fund Contributions

In memory of Mark N. Martz

Patricia A. Shelton
Judith & Keith Young
Jane & Donald Laudenslager
Dave & Kay Mancke
Willis & Carol Kuhns
Gayle & Bruce Smith
Lochner Family
Scott & Robin Jensen
Judy Grim
E. Bruce Bower
Lawrence & Barbara Bury
G. Ronald & M. Elaine Bower
William & Lucille Brossman
Dean & Michele Wagaman

In memory of Eleanor E. Brown

Kegg Pipe Organ Builder
Joyce Harper & Thomas McKnight
Mary A. Bealer
Erma Lichtenwalner
Jean M. Sickar
Donald & Jane Laudenslager
Ulla Martz
Catherine Morgan
Willis & Carol Kuhns
George & Darlene Treisner
Mary Cursius
M/M Elwood Laudenslager
Monica Unangst
Judy Grim
Joan Helman
Monday Women's Connection
Herb & Anna Bieber
Linda Grantz
Pat Dalrymple

**Thank YOU to everyone who made
the Basket Social a great success!**

It takes a lot of cooperative effort to carry out a successful basket social and I am so very grateful to everyone who had a hand in our success: basket donors, door prize donors, baked good donors, youth helpers, and adult helpers! Special thanks to Louise Stettler for organizing the food sales, to Linda Grantz for her invaluable help and advice, to Woody Haas, Donald Laudenslager, Bruce Stettler & Dave Figner for setting up and taking down the heavy tables, to Terrie Weidman for all the behind the scene tasks she did for me in the weeks leading up to the social and to Deb Ross for making phone calls for door prizes. And, of course, thank you to everyone who came out to the basket social and supported our youth! Together we raised \$2,487 for the youth's 2015 Youth Gathering trip!

Christian Education & Youth News

To volunteer for or ask questions about anything on the youth pages, contact Jamie Edelman at christianedu.jordanlutheran@verizon.net or 610-395-5912.

2012 Youth Gathering Fundraising

CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The last day to order chocolate covered strawberries from the youth is May 5th in the Memory Room. The cost is \$20 per dozen. You can order milk, dark or white chocolate. Delivery will be on Mother's Day, May 12th, following both services. The youth will earn more than 50% profit on the sales.

ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT TO ORDER YOUR IRON PIGS TICKETS!

Game Day & Time: Sunday, June 9th at 1:35 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person. Ticket order forms are available in the Memory Room at the youth table. There are 50 tickets left. **The deadline to purchase tickets is May 7th.** Don't miss out, order your tickets today! All are welcome!



"Cash & Carry" Gift Cards

The youth have scrip cards on hand for immediate purchase and pick-up in the Memory Room at their fundraising table (cash & checks accepted). A complete list of the cards we have is in the bulletin each week. Don't forget Mother's Day!

Clothing Drive Fundraiser

We are collecting clothing, shoes, stuffed animals, toys and fabric household items. For a complete list of accepted items please check out the list posted on each of the collection boxes. **Last day to drop off items is May 31st.**

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT:

On Sunday, May 5th at 12:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 1st at 9:00 a.m., the youth will gather in the side parking lot of the church to go to the home of several members of Jordan who need help with yard work. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Jamie's office and in the Memory Room.



**Vacation Bible School
Registration Kickoff
May 5th!!**

July 8-12, 2013

VBS welcomes all children ages 3 years – 5th grade.

Join us this July 8th-12th at Kingdom Rock VBS!! VBS welcomes all children ages 3 years – 5th grade. We are royally excited about this year's theme!

Help us kickoff registration for Kingdom Rock on Sunday, May 5th in the Memory Room after both services! There will be fun, themed goodies to enjoy and registration forms will be available.

Early Registration Bonus! Register between May 1st - 31st, and you will receive a free Kingdom Rock Music CD!! (One free CD per family.) Registration forms will be available in the narthex and the Memory Room.

Donation Station – Coming Soon! The Donation Station for this year's VBS will be set up in the Memory Room beginning May 5th. If you want to contribute to VBS, but can't be here during the week of VBS, this is a great way to make an impact! The needed items will be hanging on the display - simply follow the instructions that will be on the table.

VBS Volunteer Staff Needed: Adults and teens are still needed to staff this year's Vacation Bible School program. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jamie Edelman. Child care is provided for volunteers with children under 3 years of age.

VBS Set Building Dates: Building will begin on Tuesdays in May at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. All are welcome to help – just show up!!

VBS Volunteer Staff & Helper Training – Sunday, June 2nd at 12:00 p.m. There will be a VBS training session to go over the theme and structure of this year's VBS program and changes that have been made from previous years. ***It is important that all staff members (station leaders, crew leaders & adult and youth helpers) attend this meeting.*** Lunch will be provided. Training will go until approx. 2:00 p.m.