



January, 2014

Some thoughts from your pastor...

As we move into a new calendar year, we also move into a new season of the church...Epiphany. In this season, as we worship together, we will hear how Jesus was revealed to the world as Lord and Savior (by others and through his own words and actions). I hope you will join with me regularly for worship to hear these "revealing" stories from scripture in our journey together as a community of faith.

Individually, as we each start the New Year, take the opportunity to look back over the past year and anticipate a new one, I hope you will join me in making some plans for your own continued growth in faith...spiritual resolutions, if you will.

The writer of the letter of 2 Peter begins: *Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received!* (1:3 from *The Message*). Besides hearing the Word and receiving the Sacraments in worship, we have been invited to many wonderful ways to get to know our Lord "personally and intimately" that we can use for ourselves every day.

Reading the Bible regularly is one of those gifts. The Gospel which we will use to hear about Jesus this year in worship will be primarily St. Matthew. If you're looking for a place to start, maybe reading Matthew for Epiphany would be a starting place.

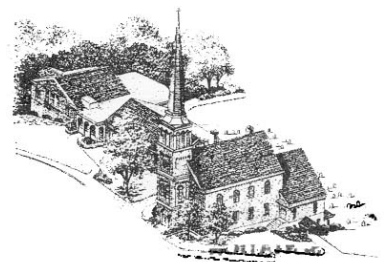
There are other ways, as well, to respond to the invitation to come to know Jesus. 2 Peter gives some suggestions: *So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others.* (1:5-6)

Whatever you choose, as we move into this new calendar year and through Epiphany promise yourself to do some things deliberately to respond to the best invitation we have ever received: to get to know intimately and personally the One who invited us to God...Jesus, our teacher and Lord!

**Celebrating
God
Connecting
People**

Peace,

Rev. Jimmy Lu Wiley



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January

Second Sunday of Christmas (1/5)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

Baptism of Our Lord (1/12)

8:00 - ELW Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW Worship Service; Baptism

Second Sunday after Epiphany (1/19)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

Third Sunday after Epiphany (1/26)

8:00 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – WOV Worship Service

Don't forget – just one service at 9:00 on December 29th.

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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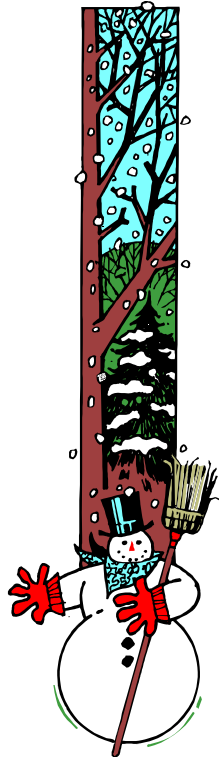
DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE

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2014 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 1/5, 19, 26; 2/2, 16; 3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Pulpit Flowers: 1/5, 12, 19, 26; 2/2, 9, 16, 23; 3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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.

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

Altar Guild

Jane Suhocki, Irene Johnson

Lectors

Carolyn Flemish, Lee Kreidler, Deb Gingerich, Shirley Schneider, Russ Dalrymple, Jennifer Seidel, Barbara Godshall, Louise Stettler

Ushers

Sonny & Lucille Laudenslager, Kevin & Judy Murphy, Bruce & Lousie Stettler, Jensen Family, Jenny Stettler, Anthony DiMaggio, Dominick Di Maggio

Bell Tollers

Andrew Budlong, Sandie Hamil, Rich Albright, Chris Boscia, Russ Dalrymple, Andrew Grim, Dan Stark, Anna Martz

Acolytes

Anna Horn, Logan Edelman, Cecelia Heberling, Dominick DiMaggio, Summer Kozy, CJ Benner, Jamie Silvonek, Harry Rakos, Nick Wertman

Communion Assistants

Carolyn Flemish, Carol Ludwig, Russ Dalrymple, Terry Naugle

Pantry Volunteers

Drew Budlong, Wayne Cardoni, Darrell Correll, Joan DuBois (Nov.), Carolyn Flemish, Dylan Krueger, Julia Krueger, Terry and Sharon Naugle, Marian Peifley, Sue Tough, Bonnie Troxell, Marge Wilt

Pantry Needs for January: cereal, pasta sauce, spaghetti, canned pasta, peanut butter

PIECEMAKERS NEWS

As part of Jordan's community outreach, the "Piecemaker" quilters recently donated fifteen lap robes to Valley Youth House for their young people as they transition from foster care to independent living.

"I ask that work should be looked upon, not as a necessary drudgery to be undergone for the purpose of making money, but as a way of life in which the nature of man should find its proper exercise and delight and so fulfil itself to the glory of God."

-Dorothy L. Sayers

Christmas Eve Services
(Candlelight & Holy Communion)
6:00 (family),
8:00 & 10:30

Bell Toller Schedule for January

Jan. 5th

8:00 – Russ Dalrymple
10:30 – Jenny Bair

Jan. 12th

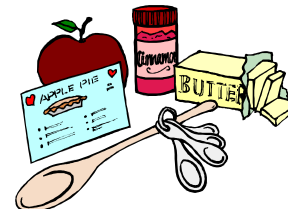
8:00 – Sandie Hamil
10:30 – Andrew Grim

Jan. 19th

8:00 – Dan Stark
10:30 – Chris Boscia

Jan. 26th

8:00 – Rich Albright
10:30 – Will Kroboth



Cook's Corner

Taco Soup

2 cans pinto beans	1 can crushed tomatoes
1 can rotel (tomatoes)	1 can dark kidney beans
1 can shoe peg corn	(drain & rinse)
1 lb lean ground beef, browned	1 pkg. dry ranch dressing
1 pkg. dry taco seasoning mix	3 cans water

Mix all ingredients together and cook on low heat for at least 10 minutes, the longer the better it will taste. Serve with BBQ corn chips, sour cream, and shredded cheese.

Thanks to Patti Huff for sharing this soup recipe.

Upcoming Events!

March 1, 2014

Jordan Music Department
Concert

May 3, 2014

Parkland Jazz Band Concert

Church emails are sent to every member who has shared their email address with us. Even if you notified us that you prefer to receive your newsletter by USPS, you will also receive one by email if we have your address on file. Feel free to delete it if you wish! Don't forget to keep the church office up to date if your address/email address changes!

Some Reminders

2013 Contributions: Any contributions you wish to be credited to 2013 must be in the church office **by noon on Tuesday, December 31st**. The last deposit will be made that afternoon, after the delivery of the U.S. mail. Contributions received in 2013 cannot be credited to 2014, nor can contributions received in 2014 be credited to 2013.

Annual Reports: Please have your annual committee reports into the church office by Jan. 12th. Reports will be distributed one week prior to the Second Congregational Meeting on Jan. 19th. All groups are encouraged to submit a report to gain a better overview of all activities at Jordan.

Winter Weather Cancellations: In the event that church services must be cancelled due to inclement weather, you can keep informed by: (1) calling the church office to hear a recorded message regarding the status of the services, or (2) listen to these radio stations - 99.9 The Hawk, or WAEB-FM 790, or (3) watch WFMZ TV or check their website, or (4) check www.waeb.com (Operation Snowflake), or (5) check the Jordan Facebook page.

The Church office will be closed Dec. 25, 26, & 27.

Treasurer's Report for November 2013

	Month	YTD
Income		
Operating Income	\$30,868.52	\$306,370.50
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	3,044.00	35,353.50
Benevolence	1,633.00	21,456.50
Debt Reduction	730.00	10,936.50
Total Income	\$36,275.52	\$374,117.00
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 254.40	\$ 15,816.97
Ministries	2,145.32	20,295.67
Payroll	20,718.56	235,435.85
Property	9,449.67	94,839.39
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	4,338.00	47,718.00
Benevolence	3,975.00	45,760.00
Total Expenses	\$40,880.95	\$459,865.88
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (4,605.43)	\$(85,748.88)

Council Highlights, December 2013

- 2nd Congregation meeting set for Jan. 29th
- Installation of council members 1/5
- The Parsonage Proceeds Committee was officially disbanded
- An Alarm System committee was formed
- Carpets will be cleaned
- Looking for a person to handle publicity of Jordan events with local press venues
- There will be one service on 12/29 at 9:00 am



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church

Benefit Breakfast for Annabelle Ruth

**Sunday, January 19, 2014
8am - 1pm
Schnecksville Fire Company
4550 Old Packhouse Rd.
Schnecksville**

All you can eat breakfast buffet including
eggs, ham, sausage, pancakes, potatoes,
toast and beverages
(Price to be determined)

Proceeds will go to assist with three-year-old
Annabelle's medical expenses, incurred when
she was hit by a car last October. She is the
granddaughter of Ronald Hamm, and the
great-granddaughter of Ray & Shirley Hamm.

Cemetery Association News

**Annual Lotholders Meeting
January 19th**
*15 minutes following the conclusion
of the 10:30 a.m. service
Anyone with questions or wanting
information is welcome to attend.*

**Quarterly Board Meeting
January 22nd**
**8:00 a.m.
in the Choir Room**

Audio CD's of Sunday services will be
available in the Memory Room after the
10:30 service, and during the summer in the
narthex. (Due to the length of the services,
Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday will not be
available.) For more information contact
Dale Hahn (610-504-3046) or John
Weremedic (610-844-1255).

Message to the Congregation:

December 2013

It has been an honor to serve as part of the leadership of Jordan for 6 years. This year, serving as Council President, has been quite challenging, yet it affirmed my spirituality and dedication to "celebrating God and connecting people". With Pastor Michel and Pastor Werley's guidance, much was accomplished. I want to thank all council members, board members, committee members and staff who went out of their way to be as helpful as possible.

Thank you to the outgoing council members: Alice Schneck, Kathy Bacak, and Dean Wagaman; and welcome to the new council members: Irene Johnson, Mike Kerschner, Darlene Wenhold, and John Weremedic. I also want to thank the members remaining on council: Bill Hendricks, Ken Gross, Jeff Laudenslager, Terry Naugle, Jeff Berdahl, Julie Boscia, new VP and Jason Barnett, new President and Darrell Correll, Treasurer and Shirley Schleicher, Secretary. They all gave so much of their time and inspiration.

With our faith in God, I pray that the coming years will see growth and greater spirituality in all of us. Jordan is a gift to my life and a reflection of God's love, may Jordan be that to everyone.

God Bless You,
Louise Stettler