



February, 2014

Some thoughts from your pastor...

Let me share some thoughts about our spiritual selves and our Lord in light of the emphases raised by the two national holidays we observe in this month of February: Valentine's Day – *love*; and Presidents Day - *leadership*.

LOVE: "Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing!" - besides being the title of a classic film and well-loved song - is a phrase that seems to hold a lot of truth. Unlike in English's one-word, in one of the original Biblical languages of Classical Greek there are four words that can be translated "love". *Agápe* means love in a *spiritual* sense. *Éros* refers to love in a *physical/sexual /romantic* sense. *Philia* reflects love in a *friendship/mental* sense. *Storge* points to love in a *natural/family* sense. What we basically celebrate about love this month is just a part of what love really is. The truth is that love is "many-splendored" in the way we each experience living out in its fullness throughout our whole lives.

LEADERSHIP: At our most recent Synod Bishop's Conference I was reminded of its power and importance in this thought: *There is a difference between management and leadership. Management is doing things right. Leadership is doing the right thing.* History reveals that the two presidents we honor this month knew full well that difference.

JESUS: In his life and ministry Jesus certainly moved in both the broadest and most powerful sense of both those words...love and leadership. Time and again the scriptures remind us that his love for us and the world motivated him to do the right thing, regardless of the personal consequences. Each story of his strong leadership reflects an amazing ability to touch people and circumstances in the exact way they needed to experience being loved.

So, as we again observe these two national celebrations in this month, I invite you to let them be important in a broader and more powerful way than usual. Use them as reminders of who and what we are encouraged as disciples, individually and together -- called to be leaders/lovers and lovers/leaders following his extraordinary example in our lives and world today.

In his name,

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February

Presentation of Our Lord (2/2)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

Boy Scout Sunday

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (2/9)

8:00 - ELW Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany (2/16)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (2/23)

8:00 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – WOV Worship Service



Jordan Lutheran Church

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Sexton: Linda Grantz

DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE

256

2014 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 2/2, 9, 16; 3/2, 9, 23, 30; 4/6, 20, 27; 5/11, 18, 25; 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Pulpit Flowers: 2/2, 9, 16; 3/2, 9, 16, 23; 4/13, 20; 5/18, 25; 6/1, 8, 22, 29

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

Jennifer Seidel, Dianne Benner
Judy Grim Carolyn Flemish

Lectors

Ted DuBois, Ingrid Martz, Jenny Barr,
David Godshall, Shirley Miller, Karen
Boardman, Jennifer Seidel, Julie Boscia

Ushers

Merle & Jean Cydis, Matthew Steckel,
Paige Steckel, Karl & Beth Kroboth, Will
Kroboth, Jeff Berdahl

Bell Tollers

Russ Dalrymple, Jenny Bair, Sandie
Hamil, Andrew Grim, Dan Stark, Chris
Boscia, Rich Albright, Will Kroboth

Acolytes

Cecelia Heberling, Will Kroboth,
Samantha Klotz, Keely Schofield,
Ashleigh Budlong, Logan Edelman, Anna
Horn, Alex Boscia

Communion Assistants

Lynn Daniels, Jamie Edelman, Carolyn
Flemish, Shelly Wagaman

Pantry Volunteers

Darrell Correll, Carolyn Flemish, Chuck
and MaryAnn Groeller, Sharon and Terry
Naugle, Marian Peifley, Dotti Ruth, Sue
Tough

**Pantry Needs for February: pasta
sauce, spaghetti, canned pasta,
hygiene items**

Jordaniers Bowlers First Half Champions

**Ken Benner
Linda Rubino
Howard Schneider
Terry Christianson
Jim Moyer, Captain**

**“But love your enemies,
do good to them, and
lend to them without
expecting to get
anything back. Then
your reward will be
great, and you will be
sons of the Most High,
because he is kind to the
ungrateful and wicked.”
Luke 6:35**



Bell Toller Schedule for February

February 2nd

8:00 – Russ Dalrymple
10:30 – Andrew Budlong

February 9th

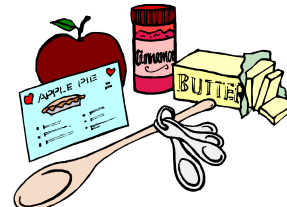
8:00 – Dan Stark
10:30 – Patty & Meghan
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February 16th

8:00 – Rich Albright
10:30 – Jenny Bair

February 23rd

8:00 – Dave Figner
10:30 – Bruce Stettler



Cook's Corner Spring Vegetable & Chicken Soup

2 T olive oil	2 small yellow squash
1 med. white onion – finely diced	3 chicken breasts, roasted & shredded
5 marinated cloves of garlic (find at salad/olive bars)	2 lg. cans chicken broth
1 bag shredded carrots	1 T. lemon juice
2 small zucchini	

In large stockpot, heat olive oil over medium heat and sauté onions until tender – about 5 min. Press marinated garlic through a garlic press into the pot and stir into onions. Add chicken stock and shredded carrots to pot and bring to a simmer over med-high heat.

Slice zucchini and squash lengthwise, and then slice into half moon pieces. Add squash, chicken, and lemon juice to the pot. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 20-30 min. until vegetables are just tender.

THANKS TO INGRID MARTZ FOR THIS RECIPE!

Mark these dates!

March 1, 2014

Jordan Music Dept. Concert/Dinner

March 12, 2014

Ash Wednesday

May 3, 2014

Parkland Jazz Band Concert

Treasurer's Report for December 2013

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income		
Operating Income	\$75,687.59	\$382,058.09
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	2,611.00	37,964.50
Benevolence	2,620.00	24,076.50
Debt Reduction	985.00	11,921.50
Total Income	\$81,903.59	\$456,020.59
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 1,261.44	\$ 17,078.41
Ministries	185.33	20,481.00
Payroll	20,848.83	256,284.68
Property	(13,090.85)	81,748.54
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	4,338.00	52,056.00
Benevolence	4,075.00	49,835.00
Total Expenses	\$17,617.75	\$477,483.63
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$64,285.84	\$(21,463.04)

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!

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.

Council Highlights, January 2014

- The pantry received a \$5000 grant from Thrivent
- Upcoming Music & Arts events: Jordan concert & Parkland Jazz Band
- Personnel Committee completed Employee Handbooks; need approval
- Replacement of office copier is critical; decision to be made asap
- A committee will be formed for a Capital Campaign
- There are amendments to the church constitution to be voted on at the 1/26 congregational meeting.

Final Sale of Parsonage 12/30/13

\$106,908.12	Mortgage Principal
15,000.00	Property Improvement-sexton house windows
3,180.00	Current – donation from auctioneer
23,310.47	Expense repayment (2012 & 2013)
6,689.53	Current Income
<u>3,911.88</u>	Closing Expenses
\$150,000	Total Sale



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church



PRAYER BEAD MINISTRY

Last fall, members of Jordan gathered with Melanie Werley to learn about Anglican Prayer Beads. Many of the participants expressed an interest in making their own set of Prayer Beads and developing a prayer ministry at Jordan. There will be two workshops on Tuesday, **February 25** (1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) to make Prayer Bead sets and to discuss prayer ministry opportunities for the future. You are invited to attend one of the workshops even if you did not attend one of the introductory sessions. It will be helpful to know ahead of time how many bead supplies we need. **Please sign-up by February 16**, on one of the forms found in the Memory Room. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melanie Werley at 610-533-7619 or kupamom@aol.com.

Soldier Package Project

With the assistance of the Women's Connection, packages were sent to our military troops last Christmas, containing cookies, candy, and other snacks and items like wipes, deodorant, etc. Numerous thank you notes were received, sent on behalf of troops in various parts of the world, expressing their appreciation not only for the items, but for the fact that the congregation is thinking of them and praying for them. The project will be winding down this year; over the past 10 years 1,673 packages were sent. Linda Grantz expresses her thanks to all who donated their time, items, and funds to make it a huge success.

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. For more information contact Dale Hahn (610-504-3046) or John Weremedic (610-844-1255).

143 boxes of cereal were collected for the Food Pantry on "Cereal Sunday," January 12th! Thanks, everyone!



THE LIGHT BEFORE LENT DINNER & CONCERT Saturday, March 1st, in the Family Center

Doors open at 5 PM
Dinner at 5:30, Program 7:00 PM

Join us for dinner and an entertaining evening of music. Performances by the Jordan Chorale, Jordan Sinfonia, Friendship Ringers, Canon Choir, Cherub Choir, and Junior Gyros.

Dinner will be offered prior to the concert -- tickets for dinner are limited to 200. On the menu will be stuffed chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots and apple dumpling for dessert. Cost is \$10/adults and \$5/children.

See any member of the choir for tickets, or contact the church office. You are also welcome to attend just the concert at 7:00 if you wish.

Meet our newest members...

Brian and Elizabeth Schofield have three daughters, Amanda, Lauren and Keely. Lauren is married and lives in Beaufort SC, Amanda is a student at Penn State Lehigh Valley and Keely is in 6th grade at Spring House Middle School. Elizabeth's, Janet and Robert Herman, often travel from New Jersey on Sundays to attend church with the family. We are excited to be members of Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Matt, Andrea, Ethan and Gavin Russell moved to Allentown in January 2000 from Sellersville, PA, where they were members of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Perkasio.

Andrea is a clinical staff pharmacist for Lehigh Valley Health Network, working part time 3-4 days per week at LVHN 17th Street. In any free moment, she enjoys fitness activities such as classes, swimming, lifting weights, running, cycling, and cooking. Andrea volunteers at the LVHN Flu Clinic, and serves on the Upper Macungie Township Parks and Recreation Board.

Ethan is 13 years old and attends 8th grade at Orefield Middle School. He has enjoyed playing trumpet in the Band, Jazz Band, and Brass Ensemble the last three years at OMS. He loves watching or playing any sport. Most of his time, he is busy with baseball, but also enjoys track cycling, swimming, street hockey, snowboarding, and is trying basketball this winter. Of course, playing video games is a favorite pass time for both boys.

Gavin is in 6th grade, also at Orefield Middle School. He just turned 12 years old. He also has a passion for baseball, but has become quite the runner, competing in quite a few 5K races. He also enjoys cycling, street hockey, swimming, shooting hoops and riding his RipStik skateboard. He plays the saxophone, but would really love for mom and dad to sign him up for guitar lessons.

Matt stays as active as the boys. When he's not working, they can be found outside throwing baseball, playing street hockey, or riding mountain bikes together. His work background includes aviation mechanics and most recently, sweep engineer, subcontracting to cable TV and communications companies.

Our big news is that we have recently become owners of a Kona Ice franchise. Matt is now working on developing this new business. This is new to the Lehigh Valley and we look forward to bringing a fun, new experience to our community with our tropical shaved ice company. It is exciting, as Kona Ice, has given back over 15 million dollars through its FUNdraising to schools, youth sports, etc. Check it out at www.kona-ice.com. Feel free to ask us about our new adventure. And, please keep us in your prayers as we try to get established.

We are grateful to Jordan's congregation for giving us a warm welcome. Although, it was hard to leave our hometown church, our family is excited to meet new faces, make a new church family, and become involved in worship and activities at Jordan Lutheran Church.

Todd and Elizabeth Heller live in Orefield with their 3 children Morgan (14), Josh, (8), and Alyssa (5). Both Todd and Elizabeth are in the Restaurant Business. Todd is currently the General Manager at On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina on Airport Road in Allentown and Liz is a Certified Store Trainer at Red Robin also on Airport Road. Morgan is a Freshman at Parkland High School and loves spending time with her friends. Morgan also takes Dance and Piano Lessons. Josh is in 3rd Grade at Kernsville Elementary and loves spending time creating and building things. He is a Red Belt in Karate at Lehigh Valley Martial Arts and is also on the Demo Team. Alyssa is in Pre-K at UCC Greenawalds Preschool and enjoys spending time playing with her baby dolls. She is also taking Dance Lessons and looks forward to it each week. The family loves to go to Ocean City Maryland and does so every summer. We thank you for accepting us into your Congregation and really enjoy Jordan.

Stephany and Dan Heckman were born and raised in Latrobe and Hazleton, PA, respectively. Married for seven years, they have two daughters, Eleanora (Nora), 3yrs and Alexandra (Alex), 6 mo. After graduating from PSU in 2001, they moved to Pittsburgh, PA where Dan attended medical school, and Stephany obtained her MBA while working as a Mechanical Engineer. They then moved to Durham, NC where Dan completed his medical training in orthopedics and sports medicine and Stephany opened *The Mad Popper*, a gourmet popcorn shop. Dan's current position with St. Luke's Orthopedics in Allentown has brought them to the Lehigh Valley, where Stephany is enjoying her days at home with the girls. When time permits, they enjoy biking, skiing, reading, traveling and spending time with friends and family.