



March, 2014

Some thoughts from your pastor...

At 3:05 pm each day....PRAY!

The 40 days of Lent (which will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th this year) is a time to put extra emphasis our spiritual engagement with God. Lent has been a time we are encouraged to do that through the use of traditional spiritual practices of prayer, sacrificial living and giving, and attention to God's holy Word. As I have thought about how I personally will spend this holy time, I have decided to revisit a practice that has allowed the Lord to be very powerful in engaging my spirit in the past...through a prayer practice. I am inviting you to join me.

Prayer takes deliberate work and time. That's why I have appreciated what Martin Luther, the great reformer, is quoted as saying: "I have so much to do today. I'll need to spend another hour on my knees (in prayer)." To him, prayer was not a mechanical duty but a source of power in releasing and multiplying energies to meet the challenges of a full life. Without that deliberate time to engage the power of God within him, Luther found himself time and again to be that much less effective in living. For us prayer can be a significant source of power, for through it we are connected with our powerful and loving Lord and God.

In the past I have been aided by designating a specific (and sometimes unusual) time daily to stop whatever I am about and pray. Since the start of Lent is on March 5th (03/05), I have decided that for me that time each day will be 3:05 pm. and invite you to join me in praying each day at that time as well. My discipline will be that I will set my phone alarm to ring each afternoon at 3:05. At that time I vow to pray for at least a minute. The prayer time will include: the Lord's Prayer; a naming of at least one other person I am aware of in special need of God's engagement; a circumstance/situation in our world that I feel needs God's involvement; and a prayer for our community of faith at Jordan. Depending on where and what I am involved it at that time. I might be blessed with more than a minute (and will use it for more prayer time), but that minute at the very least. Then, periodically, over the next 40 days of Lent I will ask how it's going for you and I invite you to ask the same of me.

So, at 3:05 each day...PRAY!

In this Lenten practice I trust a connection will be established through which God can engage us with a source of renewed spiritual power, releasing and multiplying energies within us to meet the challenges of our full lives and world.

In his name,

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 2014

Transfiguration of Our Lord (3/2)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

Ash Wednesday (3/5) at 7:00 p.m.

First Sunday of Lent (3/9)

8:00 - ELW Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Mid-Week Lenten Service (3/12) at 7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday of Lent (3/16)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

Mid-Week Lenten Service (3/19) at 7:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of Lent (3/23)

8:00 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – WOV Worship Service

Mid-Week Lenten Service (3/26) at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (3/30)

8:00 & 10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Mid-Week Lenten Service (4/2) at 7:00 p.m.

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

256



2014 SPONSORSHIPS

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

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

Bulletins: (2 weekly) East Penn Press 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

Lynn Daniels
Chris Heilman, Sandie Hamil

Lectors

Russ Dalrymple, Carolyn Flemish, Lee Kreidler, Deb Gingerich, Barbara Godshall, Shirley Schleicher, Nancy Steltz

Ushers

Dan & Donna Stark, Cindy Stauffer, Dave Figner, Bill & Carol Kuhns, Stout Family, Gaugler Family

Bell Tollers

Russ Dalrymple, Andrew Budlong, Dan Stark, Patty & Megan Huff, Rich Albright, Jenny Bair, Dave Figner, Bruce Stettler

Acolytes

Jamie Silvonek, Anna Benner, Grace Horn, Dominick DeMaggio, Samantha Klotz, Will Kroboth, Cecelia Heberling, Harry Rakos

Communion Assistants

Jennifer Seidel, Carol Ludwig, Carolyn Flemish, Terry Naugle

Pantry Volunteers

Darrell Correll, Bud & Mary Ann Groeller, Sandie Hamil, Grace Keller, Terry & Sharon Naugle, Sue Tough

Pantry Needs for March: mac and cheese, cereal, tuna, canned pasta

The **JORDAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** will be increasing the cost of a grave by \$25 to \$250 for members and \$50 to \$500 for non-members, as of **June 1, 2014**. Contact Ted DuBois, Cemetery Secretary at 610-395-9058 with any questions.

Christ be with me,
Christ within me
Christ behind me,
Christ before me

Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me
and restore me.
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of
friend or stranger.

St. Patrick's Breastplate (390-461 A.D.)



Bell Toller Schedule for March

March 2nd

8:00 – Russ Dalrymple
10:30 – Chris Boscia

March 9th

8:00 – Dan Stark
10:30 – Patty & Meghan Huff

March 16th

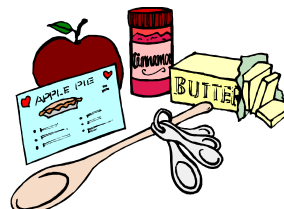
8:00 – Rich Albright
10:30 – Andrew Grim

March 23rd

8:00 – Sandie Hamil
10:30 – Chris Boscia

March 30th

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



Cook's Corner

Tomato w/Spinach & Feta Chicken Sausage Soup

1 large onion, diced	2-6 oz. bags baby spinach
5 – 7 cloves garlic, chopped	2 pkg. spinach & feta chicken sausage, sliced into rounds
2 T olive oil	1-5 oz. container reduced fat crumbled feta cheese
2 large cans diced tomatoes	Salt & pepper
2-64 oz. cans tomato juice	

In a large stockpot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Sauté the onion until softened – approximately 8 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté for another 2 minutes. Add the sausage and cook for 3-4 minutes. Add the tomato juice, diced tomatoes, and spinach. The spinach will take a few minutes to wilt and fit better in the pot. Cook about 10 minutes. Add in feta cheese, stir to combine, cook about 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

THANKS TO INGRID MARTZ FOR THIS RECIPE!

Mark these dates!

March 5, 2014

Ash Wednesday
Soup Suppers begin! Up sheet included with this newsletter to sign up for soup, bread, salad, etc.

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!

Treasurer's Report for January 2014

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income		
Operating Income	\$18,644.75	\$ 18,644.75
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	2,889.00	2,889.00
Benevolence	1,856.00	1,856.00
Debt Reduction	626.00	626.00
Total Income	\$24,015.75	\$ 24.015.75
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 1,261.04	\$ 1,261.04
Ministries	1,846.51	1,846.51
Payroll	20,823.64	20,823.64
Property	13,925.06	13,925.06
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	4,338.00	4,338.00
Benevolence	2,700.00	2,700.00
Total Expenses	\$44,894.25	\$ 44,894.25
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$20,878.50)	\$(20,878.50)

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.

First Communion Instruction

Three instructional classes will be held on March 8, 15, & 22 (9:00-10:00 am) for students in grades 5, 6 & 7 who do not yet receive Holy Communion. Students will receive communion for the first time at the Maundy Thursday service on April 17th, during Holy Week. All eligible students will be receiving a sign up form in the mail, or you may call or email the church office to sign up.

NORTHERN LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Date: March 22, 2014 from 5-7PM
Place: Jordan Lutheran Church/Family Ctr.
Cost: By donation only----no tickets. This way, anyone who needs a meal but can't afford one, can also join us and be filled. Eat-in only.

We are also looking for other help in making this event a success:

- *Donations of desserts for the dessert table.
- *Help to set up, help in the kitchen, serve, clean up.
- *A good opportunity for service hours for Confirmands.
- *We are also asking that each congregation supply a filled basket to be part of a silent auction that evening.

Proceeds will go toward scholarships for seminary students. We know God calls people to be pastors, and we are assisting these students to fulfill God's call for them.



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.

2014 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 _____ Env. No. _____

Your phone number _____ Env. No. _____

\$_____ Flowers (\$8.50 per memorial flower)

\$_____ Hunger Donation

\$_____ Memorial Fund Donation

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. _____

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

Please check: ___ Flower ___ Hunger Fund ___ Memorial Fund

Lent 2014

Please join us for Lenten fellowship at our Wednesday evening Soup and Salad Suppers immediately prior to Mid-Week Lenten Services. The meal begins at 5:30 p.m. Soups, breads, and desserts are needed. Kitchen help and assistance setting up and cleaning up are also requested.
The Service is held at 7:00 p.m.



I/We will _____ *make soup for 10 - 15 people*

_____ *make salad for 10 - 15 people*

_____ *provide bread for 15 people*

_____ *provide dessert for 10 - 15 people*

_____ *provide salad toppings (bacon, cheese, eggs, croutons, etc)*

_____ *co-ordinate one supper*

_____ *help in the kitchen to set up*

_____ *help in the kitchen to clean up*

_____ *help set up/take down tables and chairs*

or:

please circle preferred date(s)

Mar. 5 Mar. 12 Mar. 19 Mar. 26 Apr. 2 Apr. 9 Apr. 16

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please bring a copy of your recipe so we can compile and share them!

A free-will offering for World Hunger will be received at the suppers.

Midweek Lenten Worship Series 2014 *Engaging Change*

Overview: Change is a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight or winter turns to spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after". We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while others are forced upon us.

In the weeks, days, and hours before Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples also experienced change: a change of venue as the gates of Jerusalem approached; a change of plans as their long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried; a change of circumstance as the crowds shouted "Crucify!"

Change is hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. We cannot predict how things will turn out. The hymnwriter Joachim Neander proclaimed God's steadfast love in the midst of life's inevitable changes: *"All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own"* (ELW 757).

Each Wednesday evening we will gather for worship at 7:00pm using a contemplative setting of *Holden Evening Prayer* and focusing on our theme of **Engaging Change**:

- **March 12th:** **Change of Season**
- **March 19th:** **Change of Habit**
- **March 26th:** **Change of Circumstances**
- **April 2nd:** **Change of Heart**
- **April 9th:** **Change of Plans**

Plan on making these midweek worship opportunities part of your personal Lenten practice, gathering with others of our Jordan community in Word, worship, prayer, and song. As we gather, plan on experiencing the touch of our Lord Jesus Christ in powerful ways for life and living, for mission and ministry.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 9th
Don't forget to change your clocks!

Our Endowment Fund Welcomes Your Gifts!

By supporting the Endowment Fund you have the opportunity to create a legacy of faith that will positively impact our congregation long after your lifetime. Gifts through bequests can help our congregation support its mission in the world both today and for generations to come!