



March, 2014

Some thoughts from your pastor...

John 3:16 – *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son...*

Reflecting on this familiar scripture passage in a Lenten devotional book entitled “Blessings of the Cross” popular Christian author Max Lucado writes:

As boldly as the center beam of the cross proclaims God’s holiness, the crossbeam declares his love. And, oh, how wide his love reaches.

Aren’t you glad the verse does not read:

“For God so loved the rich...”?

Or, “For God so loved the famous...”?

Or, “For God so loved the thin...”?

It doesn’t. Nor does it state, “For God so loved the Europeans or Africans...” “the sober or successful...” “the young or the old...”

No, when we read John 3:16, we simply (and happily) read, “For God so loved the world.”

How wide is God’s love? Wide enough for the whole world.

As a people of God we have the chance this month to worship together focusing: in the remaining days of Lent on the path of mission and ministry that led our Lord to the cross; in the days of Holy Week reminding us of the deep passion that moved Jesus to fulfill completely his purpose for coming by experiencing everything of our life, even death; and, then, into the Easter Season showing us again the ultimate power of God in the resurrection that allows his love to be alive in us even now.

So, I invite and encourage each of you to join with me and others of our community of faith each time we gather in worship, during this holy time, to experience the full story of that “wide and wondrous” love of God in our Savior, Jesus, the Christ for us and for the whole wide world!

Peace,

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2014

Fifth Sunday in Lent (4/6)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

Mid-Week Lenten Service (4/9) at 7:00 p.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday (4/13)

8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services

Service of Corporate Confession (4/16) 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service (4/17) 7:00 p.m.

(First Holy Communion)

Good Friday Service (4/18) 7:00 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord (4/20)

6:30 – Sunrise Service (on the cemetery)

7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 – Worship Services with

Holy Communion

Second Sunday of Easter (4/27)

Rogation Sunday

8:00 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – WOV Worship Service



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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: 4/6, 27; 5/11, 18, 25; 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Pulpit Flowers: 4/13; 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

Carl Rabenold, Wendy Schalter
Ingrid Martz, Ulla Martz

Lectors

Russ Dalrymple, Sue Weber, Jenny Barr,
Tammy Klotz, Shirley Schneider, Shirley
Schleicher, Julie Boscia, Carolyn Flemish,
Carol Nagle

Ushers

Deb Gingerich, Russ Dalrymple, Justin
Grim, Shirley Schleicher, Sue Weber, Bill
Weber

Bell Tollers

Russ Dalrymple, Chris Boscia, Dan Stark,
Patty Huff, Megan Huff, Rich Albright,
Andrew Grim, Sandie Hamil, Chris
Boscia, Dave Figner, Bruce Stettler

Acolytes

Cecelia Heberling, Harry Rakos, Ashleigh
Budlong, Logan Edelman, Samantha
Klotz, CJ Benner, Grace Horn, Alex
Boscia, Summer Kozy, Dominick
DiMaggio

Communion Assistants

Jennifer Seidel, Ken Gross, Shelly
Wagaman, Donna Stark

Pantry Volunteers

Wayne Cardoni, Darrell Correll, Carolyn
Flemish, Ray Hamm, Dylan & Julia
Krueger, Sharon & Terry Naugle, Marion
Peifley, Sue Tough, Mary Ann & Bud
Groeller

***Pantry Needs for April: corn,
green beans, tuna, canned pasta***

*"Let every man and
woman count himself
immortal. Let him
catch the revelation of
Jesus in his
resurrection. Let him
say not merely, "Christ
is risen," but "I shall
rise."
-Phillips Brooks*

Bell Toller Schedule for April

April 6th

8:00 – Russ Dalrymple
10:30 – Anna Martz

April 13th

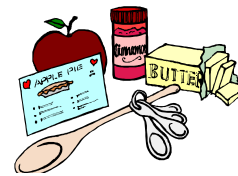
8:00 – Drew Budlong
10:30 – Chris Boscia

April 20th

7:30 – Dan Stark
9:00 – Russ Dalrymple
10:30 – Bruce Stettler

April 27th

8:00 – Rich Albright
10:30 – Bruce Stettler



Cook's Corner

Hungarian Mushroom Soup

4 tablespoons unsalted butter	1 cup milk
2 cups chopped onions	3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced	1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons dried dill weed	ground black pepper to taste
1 tablespoon paprika	2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon soy sauce	1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
2 cups chicken broth	1/2 cup sour cream

Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Saute the onions in the butter for 5 minutes. Add the mushrooms and saute for 5 more minutes. Stir in the dill, paprika, soy sauce and broth. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 15 minutes.

In a separate small bowl, whisk the milk and flour together. Pour this into the soup and stir well to blend. Cover and simmer for 15 more minutes, stirring occasionally.

Finally, stir in the salt, ground black pepper, lemon juice, parsley and sour cream. Mix together and allow to heat through over low heat, about 3 to 5 minutes. Do not boil. Serve immediately.

Mark these dates!

April 6, 2014

Pioneer Band Concert

May 3, 2014

Parkland Jazz Band Concert

September 13, 2014

Senior Fest

Treasurer's Report for February 2014

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Operating Income	\$32,529.31	\$ 51,174.06
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	2,658.00	5,547.00
Benevolence	1,753.00	3,609.00
Debt Reduction	900.00	1,526.00
Total Income	\$37,840.31	\$ 61.856.06
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$ 1,708.20	\$ 2,969.24
Ministries	1,098.63	2,945.14
Payroll	21,673.35	42,731.68
Property	6,624.28	20,549.34
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	4,338.00	8,676.00
Benevolence	2,700.00	5,400.00
Total Expenses	\$38,142.46	\$ 83,271.40
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$302.15)	\$(21,415.34)

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!

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.

We could use your help

The Endowment Fund Marketing Committee is looking to fill a vacancy on our committee. No marketing experience is necessary. The group meets once per quarter for approximately an hour--occasionally additional meetings are needed. We would welcome your participation. Interested or want more information? Simply contact the church office at 610 395 5912 or jordanlutheran@verizon.net.

Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19th
at 1:00 p.m.

Ages 1 – 12
Baskets, Prizes, Candy
& Fun for Everyone!!!
To RSVP, please email child's name
& age to JordanEggHunt@gmail.com



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church

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 _____

\$ _____ 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

Summer camping opportunities for the young people of our congregation from 3rd through 12th grade!

Register at:

www.bearcreekcamp.org

Bear Creek Camp

(our Lutheran church camp near Wilkes Barre)

570-472-3741

or

Get registration forms through our church office.

610-395-5912



Note: Pastor Jimmy Lee will be serving this summer as volunteer camp chaplain at Bear Creek during the week of July 27th - August 2nd (6th session). So, if you have a concern about registering your child(ren) for the first time, you can be sure they will know someone there if you register them for that week.

Congratulations to **Ashley Hamm Helsley**, who graduated magna cum laude from Temple University. Ashley majored in marketing and received a B.S in Business Administration. Best of luck!



In February Jordan donated 112 jars of pasta sauce to the pantry. On Mac & Cheese Sunday you added 163 boxes to our shelves. We thank you for your continued support of our special Sundays!

Thank You

A big thank you to Paulette Bassler, Sharon Andersch, and Kathleen Bacak for putting together the Lenten folder mailing. Your help is much appreciated!

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Memory Room if you wish to sign up for a one-hour time slot between 8:00 p.m. Good Friday and 8:00 p.m. Saturday. We will try to fill all the time slots; the vigil will continue as long as there are volunteers who would like to participate.

PRAYER BEAD MINISTRY



Jordan's Prayer Bead Ministry: will meet on Tuesday, March 25, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room. You are welcome to attend one or both of the gatherings. New participants are welcome to join us! Those of you who have made your own prayer beads are invited to bring them along. Prayer Bead sets will be provided for those who do not have one. We will be using portions of The Great Litany for our prayer time. For an explanation of The Great Litany and to see one version of the text, you can go to http://www.trinitycranford.org/?page_id=41. All are welcome!

Come join the Pioneer Band of Allentown for their **Annual Spring Concert on April 6 at 3:00 in the Jordan Family Center**. Some of the selections include a beautiful arrangement of *Amazing Grace*; *The Homefront* which is a medley of songs from WWII; *Flight of Valor* which is a stirring piece written to commemorate those who died in the 911 plane crash in Shanksville, PA; as well as *Parade of the Tall Ships*, *Roosters Lay Eggs in Kansas* and others. The concert is free.

