



September, 2014

Some thoughts from your pastor...

“New Ministry Sunday!” will happen on the third Sunday of the month (not every, but most) starting this month and going through at least May of next year.

New Ministry Sunday! is exactly what the name says they will be: opportunities to consider new ministries which the Lord might be leading us to develop as we expand in our mission as a community of faith. What new ministries grow from these brief times of gathering on a Sabbath morning are mostly dependent on YOU and your sense of what God might be calling you to do as a disciple of the Lord in your involvement here at Jordan.

On those Sundays you are encouraged to come together with me and others of Jordan to think, talk and pray briefly about some new ministry possibilities. It is my hope that each one of these would give us a chance to discern how we might increasingly live out our Core Purpose/Mission Statement of **Celebrating God! Connecting People!**

On these third Sundays you are invited to meet with me in the conference room next to the office at about 9:30 (bring your own or grab a beverage and snack at the fellowship following the 8:00 am worship and wander down to the room) if you sense an interest in the new ministry possibility for that day’s discussion. That’s all there is to it! No commitment required or even expected (although I will come with hope ;-)) to talk about a new ministry opportunity.

I have designated some ideas I think might be possibilities for the first months and will rely on you for others. So, here’s the Fall schedule:

- Sunday, September 21st – Mission Trips
- Sunday, October 19th – Mid-Age (30-50) Adult Connections
- Sunday, November 16th – Alternative (contemporary) Worship

All I ask is that you seriously consider to what God may be calling you to become a part as we explore together opportunities for new ministries which the Lord might be leading **us** to develop as we grow in our mission as a community of faith. Then, come and join me on those third Sunday mornings as we together engage the adventure of living out our faith here at Jordan!

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CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 2014

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/7)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/communion

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/14)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

9:30 – Service of Health & Wholeness

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/21)

Harvest Home Sunday

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Service w/communion

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/28)

8:00 – GIA Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – WOV Worship Service

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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

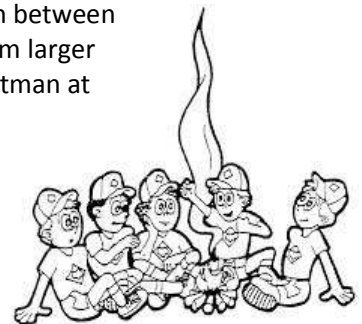
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SCOUTING OPPORTUNITIES

Cub Pack 60 would like to invite **ALL** boys starting 1st-5th grade in the fall, to meet our Pack **ANY** Thursday night, right here at Jordan Lutheran Church, from 7-8:00 PM, starting September 4th. If you are interested in joining Scouting, we would love to tell you all about ourselves and our planned activities. We are a small Pack that has the boys' interest as our priority. Involvement and interaction between each other, including the parents, makes us stand out from larger Packs. For more information, contact Michael/Susan Wertman at 610-395-8449, or talk to Elwood (Sonny) Laudenslager at 610-554-1315. We are also planning an Open House/ Recruitment information night on Friday September 19th, in the Family Center here at Jordan, from 6-8PM. Please come and see if our Pack fits your family values, learn about Scouting, and possibly become a part of our Scouting family! Thank you!



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

Altar Guild

Lynn Daniels, Carol Rabenold
Darlene Wehndold, Leah Wenhold

Lectors

Ted DuBois, Carolyn Flemish, Jenny Barr, Shirley Schneider, Tammy Klotz, Lee Kreidler, Shirley Schleicher, David Godshall, Russ Dalrymple, Julie Boscia

Ushers

Tom & Lynn Daniels, Darrell Correll, Shirley Schleicher

Bell Tollers

Drew Budlong, Bruce Stettler, Ted DuBois, Patty & Meghan Huff, Rich Albright, Mike Wertman, Dan Stark, Russ Dalrymple, Sandie Hamil

Acolytes

Ashleigh Budlong, Dominick DiMaggio, Samantha Klotz, Logan Edelman, Cecelia Heberling, Keeley Schofield, Summer Kozy, Kyle Heston, Michael Boscia

Communion Assistants

Lynn Daniels, Jamie Edelman, Donna Stark, Karen Boardman

Pantry Volunteers

Darrell Correll, Carolyn Flemish, Grace Keller, Terry & Sharon Naugle, Marian Peifley, Sue Tough, Carol Zarych

Pantry Needs for September: boxed pasta (not spaghetti or mac and cheese), cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter

*"There are two educations.
One should teach us how
to make a living and the
other how to live."*

John Adams



Initial Belonging Gathering Meeting

**Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 am
In the Conference Room**

For those who have very recently joined Jordan or those who wish to join. Three meetings, dates/times to be determined by attendees. Please contact the church Office if you plan to attend.

610-395-5912 or
jordanlutheran@verizon.net

**Service of
Health & Wholeness
Sunday, Sept. 14th
9:30 am
(between services)**

Bell Toller Schedule for September

September 7th
8:00 – Ted DuBois
9:30 – Will Kroboth

September 14th
8:00 – Rich Albright
9:30 – Bruce Stettler

September 21st
8:00 – Russ Dalrymple
9:30 – Chris Boscia

September 28th
8:00 – Dan Stark
9:30 – Mike Wertman

Cherub Choir

We are looking for children who LOVE to sing!! Rehearsals begin on Sept. 3rd. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday, we sing songs and learn cool things about music for 20 minutes. The group is open to children between the ages of 3 years old and entering 2nd grade. Questions? Please contact Marlene Peters at petersfarm19529@yahoo.com.



SERVICE TIMES

On Sept. 7th we are back to our
regular service times of
8:00 AND 10:30



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church

Join the Choir!

The Jordan Chorale is always grateful for additional members. All sections – soprano, alto, tenor, bass – would be happy to welcome any interested singers. Wednesday evening rehearsals will resume September 3rd, on the balcony, at 7:45 pm. Typically rehearsals conclude no later than 9:00 pm. Feel free to contact Dave Diehl: 610-820-4087 or dlwdiehl@gmail.com or dlwdiehl@ptd.net

PRAYER BEAD MINISTRY

Jordan’s Prayer Bead Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, September 16, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. In addition to our personal prayer petitions, we will pray together a form of the Great Litany. New participants are always welcome! Prayer Bead sets will be provided for your use. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melanie Werley at 610-533-7619 or kupamom@aol.com. All are welcome!

Treasurer’s Report for July 2014

	Month	YTD
Income		
Operating Income	\$20,785.81	\$250,622.51
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	3,456.50	22,249.00
Benevolence	1,630.50	13,578.50
Debt Reduction	1,384.00	6,444.00
Total Income	\$27,256.81	\$292,894.01
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 1,848.23	\$ 10,952.86
Ministries	766.65	12,134.45
Payroll	21,067.41	149,453.09
Property	5,465.99	61,795.23
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	4,338.00	76,366.00
Benevolence	2,700.00	18,900.00
Total Expenses	\$36,186.28	\$329,601.63
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$8,929.47)	\$(36,707.62)

2014 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 10/12, 26; 11/16, 23, 30; 12/7, 14, 21, 28
Pulpit Flowers: 9/14, 28; 10/5, 12, 19, 26; 11/23, 30; 12/7, 14, 28
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.

It’s been a year since we began offering the newsletter by email and it has been very well received. We appreciate your willingness to read/print your newsletter on your home computer, saving the church both time and money. Remember, if at any time you wish to change the way you receive your newsletter, please notify the church office and we will be happy to make the adjustment.

Lutheran Congregational Service is eagerly seeking a host family for a 25 year old woman from Korea, who will be volunteering, serving refugees in the Allentown area. The young woman speaks English well, and is serving through the International Visitor Exchange Program, a faith based organization which brings Christian young people to the US to volunteer. The host family will receive a small stipend of \$240 per month, to cover the cost of food. Ideally, the organization would be looking for a family willing to host for a period of six months or a year. If you have interest or know of anyone who is interested, please contact Marla Sell at 484-695-6373 or by email at marlas@lcfsinpa.org.

The Altar Care Team is looking for Altar Guild volunteers. No experience required, we will train you. Your commitment would be 1 month per year for either the early or late service (whichever you prefer to attend).

Some of the Altar Guild responsibilities include:

- Setup / Cleanup for Communion
- Assist with Communion
- Setup for Baptism
- Change the Parament Colors based on the color of the season (on the Altar and Pulpit)
- Arrange for Pulpit/Altar Flowers to be delivered to sick or homebound members, if they are not taken by the sponsors

Please contact one of the Altar Care Team, if you are interested or would like more information.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration on joining our team.

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Jenny Stettler jeffjen@ptd.net 610-674-4160 or 610-349-5442



Simply Giving/Electronic Giving

When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of Jordan's web page, providing you with a quick, simple and easy way to make your contribution. Try it yourself! To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide an easy way to access the church web page without having to type out a long web address and locate the link.

NEPS / ALOA Adult Ministry Fest

When?? Saturday, September 6, 2014, 9am-3pm

Where?? Jordan Lutheran, Orefield

What?? Engaging speakers, inspirational music, creative workshops, and exhibits. All will feature "take home" ideas and starter material for personal faith development, as well as intergenerational and adult programs for congregations.

Lunch: A modest registration fee of \$15 will cover the cost of lunch for all participants

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. John D. Herman, ALOA President, Greenbackville, VA
Author of *Finishing Well: The Adventure of Life Beyond Halftime*, Rev. Herman will present two keynote addresses on the topic of the day – *Adults Engaging the Spirit WHERE YOU ARE*. Halftime is the in-between season (around age 45 or so) where we ask, "now what?" Instead of being the beginning of the end, halftime is the beginning of a whole new beginning – a season that can become the richest and most meaningful season of all.

Sponsored by: Adult Lutheran Organized for Action (ALOA), Northeastern PA Synod ELCA,
Diakon Senior Living Services

Highlights from August Church Council Meeting

- Christian Education is requesting financing for 6 laptops or tablets for the new computer lab workshop included in the new Sunday School curriculum.
- Our sexton is retiring at the end of 2014 and the Personnel Committee is working on putting out an advertisement and a job description.
- The exit to the outside in the Memory Room needs new slide bolts and panic device. Quote is being sought.
- Committees are asked to sign up for Sunday refreshments beginning in September.

Thank You

We would like to express our sincere and VERY deep gratitude to the MANY people of Jordan who have supported us in so many ways throughout the recent loss of our beloved mother, mother-in-law, stepmother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Pauline "Polly" Shellhammer. Your prayers and expressions of sympathy, support, and love have all been very much appreciated during this very difficult time. To Pastor Werley, Pastor Hayn, Monica, David Diehl, Amy Keller-Thomas and the Keller Funeral Home family, all of the volunteers who assisted in some way with the calling hours and beautifully fitting funeral service, the entire Family Center Kitchen Staff, all those who prepared and donated the delicious food items for the luncheon, all who made memorial monetary contributions, the cemetery/grounds staff – a HUGE THANK YOU!!!! It has been so very comforting and reassuring to know that both Polly/Mom and Harold/Dad touched so many lives in so many positive and lasting ways, and that they were so loved, not only by all of us, but also by all of you. They are now both at peace in each other's loving arms and with the good Lord whom they both loved so deeply. May God bless and keep safe each and every member of this loving "family" of Jordan!

The families of Polly and Harold Shellhammer

Memorial Fund Donations

Have been made in memory of the following:

Harry F. Smith

Linda Grantz
Carol & Janet Dankel
Edward & Kandy Dimmich
Carl & Jean Roth
Gloria Zimmerman
Reliable Auto Body
Myrna Kamp, son Ray & wife
Milton Stettler
M/M William Gebhardt

Polly Shellhammer

Sue & Bill Weber

Irma Ulrich

Linda Grantz
Sun Industries Supply Co.

Paul Grover

Willis & Carol Kuhns

Autumn Dates of Interest

September 6th – Adult Ministry Fest @ Jordan

September 7th – Rally Day (Sunday School begins)

October 5th – Blessing of Confirmation Mentors

October 12th – Pink Courage Sunday

October 12th – Pioneer Band Concert @ Jordan

October 25th – Trunk or Treat

November 15th – Fall Craft Fair

November 26th – Community Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Jordan



Jordan Seminars Survey

Currently, the possibility of holding free informational seminars for Jordan members is being considered by a few committees. We are asking members to complete this short survey in order to plan a useful and meaningful experience for Jordan members.

Please mail your completed survey to the church or drop in the offering plate by September 14th.

Would you be interested in attending educational, complimentary seminars at the church?
__yes __no

1. What subject matters would be of interest to you?

_____ Budgeting and Money Management

_____ Kids and Money Matters

_____ Understanding Insurance Choices

_____ Planned Giving

_____ Retirement

_____ Elder Care and Long Term Care Planning

_____ Educational Planning

_____ Estate and Gifting Planning

_____ Other: _____

2. If the seminars were scheduled as a series, what timeframe would you prefer?

_____ Sunday in between service

_____ Saturday: morning ___ or afternoon ____

_____ Weekday mid-morning breakfast meeting

_____ Weeknight early evening

3. How many times a year would you think would be adequate? _____2 _____4

4. Is there a time of year that works best? _____

5. Do you have some expertise that may be helpful in any of the subjects listed that you would be willing to share; possibly as a seminar speaker? If yes, please provide your name and contact information:
