



October, 2014

Some thoughts from your pastor...

Let me take a few moments of your time to talk to you about the “S” word. It seems to me that of all the church words we should be concerned about, the “S” word is at the top of the list. In my experience, however, it’s the one word that is at the top of the list for eliciting some of the most negative responses from people in the church. It is such an important word that it really should be thought about each day by those who wish to deliberately follow Jesus in a Christ-like lifestyle. Again, the word is so problematic for so many that we in the church have limited our focus on it to almost only one time each year...right about now.

No, the “S” word I am talking about is not “sin”, it’s “Stewardship”. The problem is that, over the years the word *stewardship* has become synonymous with “asking for money”. I believe the “S” word has gotten a bad rap. Although that is certainly part of it, it’s only one aspect. The “S” word is about much, much more. It simply means *“the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.”*

Following that time honored church tradition, Sunday, October 19th is designated as “S” Sunday. Our “S” committee has been working hard on broadening the emphasis for that day. They and I invite you to consider (before, on and I hope each day after) your own careful and responsible management of your time, talents (natural and spiritual), and treasures. How best do you use these blessings entrusted to your care as you deliberately follow Jesus in a Christ-like lifestyle?

The Lord has an amazing confidence in each of us that we will be a positive force in this world for Him. That certainly happens through your involvement in the ministries of our congregation. Like through the new mentoring program with our confirmation students. Check it out! (By the way, we could use a couple more. Talk to Jamie!) It also happens to an even greater extent as you and I responsibly and carefully manage those blessings of our money, our abilities and our energy in the activities and places we live, work and play each day as Christ’s people in the world.

So, I encourage you to join me in keeping that “S” word with you every day. I also highly recommend that you, even if you are not able to be at worship on Sunday the 19th, take advantage of the opportunity our “S” Team will be offering all of us in our consideration of that important “S” word – our careful and responsible management of the blessings entrusted to our care.



Peace,

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 2014

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (10/5)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/communion

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (10/12)

Pink Courage Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 – ELW Worship/Healing Service

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (10/19)

Pink Courage Sunday

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – WOV Worship Service

Reformation Sunday (10/26)

8:00 & 10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/communion

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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A message from Monica I will be out of the office October 6, 7 & 8 attending the annual Parish Secretary's Seminar, sponsored by Lutheran Congregational Services. I am looking forward to spending a few days with my fellow parish secretaries from all over eastern PA.

One of our presenters is a retired church secretary with over 20 years' experience, Linda Gillis. She is an author, speaker and blogger, and I'm looking forward to her workshops, as well as the one on social media and how it can be beneficial to the church. There is also a session devoted to our spiritual well-being which we appreciate, too! On the last day we have devotions in the beautiful chapel on the grounds of Willow Valley.

Any church business that can wait for my return will be appreciated. Volunteers will be taking phone calls/messages from 10 am – 2 pm on each of these days in case you have an urgent matter or need to get in touch with the Pastor.

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

Altar Guild

Terry & Vickie Christianson
Jenny Stettler, Louise Stettler,
Robin Jensen

Lectors

Carolyn Flemish, Louise Stettler, Ted DuBois, Shirley Schneider, Russ Dalrymple, Sue Weber, Deb Gingerich, Ken Gross

Ushers

Shirley Miller, Bill Lutterschmidt, Rich & Julianna Boyer, Lee Kreidler, Amber Kerschner

Bell Tollers

Ted DuBois, Will Kroboth, Rich Albright, Bruce Stettler, Russ Dalrymple, Chris Boscia, Dan stark, Mike Wertman

Acolytes

Jamie Silvonek, Logan Edelman, Cecelia Heberling, Keeley Schofield, Summer Kozy, Alex Bosica, Ashleigh Budlong, Dominick DiMaggio

Communion Assistants

Carolyn Flemish, Shirley Schleicher, Jamie Edelman

Pantry Volunteers

Darrell Correll, Joan DuBois, Carolyn Flemish, Ray Hamm, Sharon & Terry Naugle, Sue Tough, Carol Zwarych

Pantry Needs for October: tuna, cereal, canned pasta, green beans



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church

“One can search the brain with a microscope and not find the mind, and can search the stars with a telescope and not find God.”

-J. Gustav White



It's autumn, trees are bursting with gold and crimson...aromas of pumpkin pie fill the crisp, cold air...is there a hint of snow? The Outreach Committee is collecting hats, scarves, gloves and mittens during October for the children of the Topton Home and Sixth Street Shelter. Please add your donations to the basket in the Memory Room. For December they will be collecting items to fill stockings for pantry children: pkg. of tissues, pens, pencils, small tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, crackers, candy canes

Bell Toller Schedule for September

October 5th

8:00 – Drew Budlong
9:30 – Nick Wertman

October 12th

8:00 – Rich Albright
9:30 – Chris Boscia

October 19th

8:00 – Dan Stark
9:30 – Will Kroboth

October 26th

8:00 – Justin Grim
9:30 – Herb Hullinger

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**

Join us for Game Day on the first and third Tuesday of each month for games, fun, food and fellowship, beginning Tuesday, October 7th.

Employment Opportunity: The church is seeking a sexton, starting January 2015. This is a part-time, 30 hour per week position, that includes a variety of custodial and maintenance tasks. Must be physically able to lift 50 lbs., shovel snow, and climb a ladder. Person must be able to respond to emergencies after hours, work on Sundays and church holidays. For a full job description and to obtain a job application form, please contact the church office at 610-395-5912 or jordanlutheran@verizon.net.



Breast Cancer Month

Please join Pink Courage as we celebrate life in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pink Courage will present a temple talk and host a “pink” reception after both services on Sunday, October 12, 2014. Hope to see you in the pink!

If you wish to discuss ideas or concerns you have about the ministry at Jordan, please contact a member of the **Mutual Ministry Committee**; Pastor Jimmy Lee, Amy Barnett – 484-239-5587, Cindy Gingras – 610-398-9319, Bill Hendricks – 610-435-1283, Dave Rakos – 484-602-6874, Sue Tough - 610-435-8210, or Dean Wagaman – 610-760-1137.

Treasurer’s Report for August 2014

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Operating Income	\$24,383.49	\$275,006.00
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	3,800.50	26,049.50
Benevolence	2,188.50	15,767.00
Debt Reduction	855.00	7,299.00
Total Income	\$31,227.49	\$324,121.50
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$ 1,004.92	\$ 11,957.78
Ministries	545.26	12,679.71
Payroll	20,456.99	169,910.08
Property	5,808.60	67,603.83
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	6,477.00	82,843.00
Benevolence	2,700.00	21,600.00
Total Expenses	\$36,992.77	\$366,594.40
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,765.28)	\$(42,472.90)

2014 SPONSORSHIPS

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

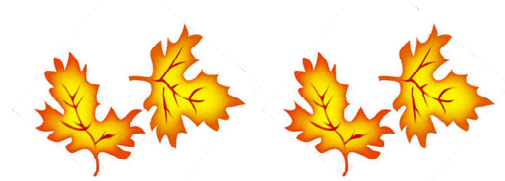
SPONSORSHIP POLICY: Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year’s sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year’s sponsor.



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.

Autumn Dates of Interest



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

Redner's Sav-A-Tape

Don't forget to enroll in the Sav-A-Tape program when you shop at Redner's and place your cash register receipts in the collection box in the Memory Room. Redner's donates a percentage of these purchases to organizations – Jordan uses theirs to help defray costs of holding the Craft Fair. **You must be enrolled in the program and the tape must say "Save-A-Tape" in order to get the donation.**



Help Purchase New Tables

The Family Center Committee is looking to replace the old, heavy banquet tables with newer, lightweight ones. We can only buy 16 tables at the present time with the money that's available in the kitchen fund. All proceeds from the pie sale will also go toward the purchase of these tables.

So please, help us by ordering your corn, shoofly and apple pies today!

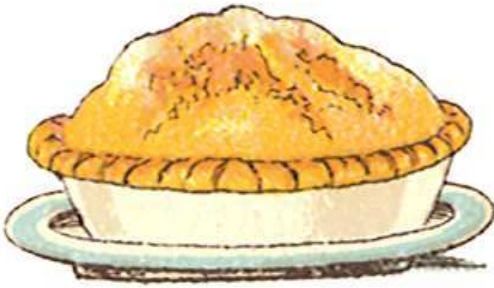


Highlights from September Church Council Meeting

- Windows have been replaced in the sexton home
- CLIU is having Service Electric install cable for internet
- Plan to hold Outdoor Worship at Lone Lane in 2015
- A railing will be installed behind the organist's bench
- Temple Talk is planned re: reducing mortgage



PIE SALE



Corn pies, shoofly pies, and apple tarts can be ordered now for **Sunday, October 19th** pick up date after each service. Last day to order is October 5th. Proceeds will be used towards new, lighter banquet tables for the Family Center. To order, place form in offering plate, send to church office or contact Louise Stettler at 610-799-4709 or brulou@ptd.net.

please note pies are all one size

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Corn pie (8 inch) _____ @ \$10.00 = _____
Shoofly pie (8 inch) _____ @ \$ 7.00 = _____
Apple Tart (8 inch) _____ @ \$ 7.00 = _____

Grand Total \$ _____

PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF PICK-UP
CASH _____ CHECK _____



All Saints Remembrance Sunday, November 2, 2014

If you have someone you would like to include in the prayers (a friend, relative, etc.) who is not a member of Jordan and has died since October 31, 2013 please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office (610-395-5912 or jordanlutheran@verizon.net) with their name and date of death.

Your Name _____

Person to be remembered _____

Date of Death (11/1/13 - 10/31/14) _____

Jordan Members who have died will automatically be included.