



April, 2015

Some thoughts from your pastor...

Holy! We attach that word to a whole lot of things: books (Holy Bible); rites of the church (Holy Communion); images of God (Holy Trinity, Spirit); things (holy grail); places (holy ground, Holy Land, Holy Roman Empire); expressions (holy smoke, and others...); periods of time (Holy Thursday, Holi-days, Holy Week...which we in the church are about to observe as you read these thoughts).

Holy is defined as (dictionary.com): 1. specially recognized as or declared sacred by religious use or authority; consecrated; 2. dedicated or devoted to the service of God, the church, or religion; 3. saintly; godly; pious; devout; 4. having a spiritually pure quality; 5. entitled to worship or veneration as or as if sacred; 6. inspiring fear and awe; 7. religious. Given those definitions, there is the possibility for a lot of holy things in life.

As we approach this coming “holy” week it seems to me that there is still one more way to think about that special adjective for our lives, every day! During these 8 days of this week we have designated as sacred, -- from Palm Sunday, though Holy Thursday and Good Friday and into Easter Sunday -- we will again hear about God “doing” something. What we will rehearse again is the story of God in and through our Lord Jesus doing something 2000 years ago which changes everything, not the least of which is the power of death over our lives and the lives of all people for all time in this world. What God was “doing” in the giving of the Son over to death and then rising to life again certainly should be called holy.

Let me suggest that whenever God is about doing “anything” in this world and our lives, we should consider it holy. From the profound such as the birth of a child and the presence of one who waits with another to die; from the most difficult such as an offer of forgiveness from one who has been deeply injured or a prayer offered for an enemy; to the simplest of acts such as a hug, or a smile or a word of encouragement to a person in need – these routine daily happening should, I believe, be considered holy since through each, God is “doing” something to affect a god-like change in life and the world.

May we all remember and observe the “holy” not only this coming special week and season, but every day of our lives as God keeps active in, around and through us, doing what God “does” always in love!

Peace,

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GOD
CONNECTING
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2015

Holden Evening Prayer Service (4/1) 7:00 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday Service (4/2) 7:00 p.m.
(First Holy Communion)**

Good Friday Service (4/3) 7:00 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord (4/5)

6:30 – Sunrise Service (on the cemetery)

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

Second Sunday of Easter (4/12)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

Third Sunday of Easter (4/19)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter (4/19)

8:00 & 10:30 – Rogation Service

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



2015 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 5/10, 31; 6/7, 14, 21, 28; 7/5, 12, 19, 26

Pulpit Flowers: 5/17, 31; 6/7, 14, 28; 7/5, 12, 19, 26

Bulletins: (2 weekly) East Penn Press Ad: Call for available months

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or dhahn16@gmail.com with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(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.

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

Carol Rabenold, Wendy Schalter
Ingrid Martz, Ulla Martz

Lectors

Jenny Barr, David Godshall, Russ Dalrymple, Girl Scouts, Deb Gingerich, Shirley Schneider, Shirley Schleicher, Julie Boscia, Melanie Werley, Barbara Godshall

Ushers

Deb Gingerich, Russ Dalrymple, Justin Grim, Shirley Schleicher, Bill Weber, Darlene Wenhold, Julie Boscia

Bell Tollers

Drew Budlong, Jenny Bair, Russ Dalrymple, Sandie Hamil, Rich Albright, Nick Wertman, Mike Wertman, Chris Boscia

Acolytes

Kyle Heston, Michael Boscia, Ashleigh Budlong, Alex Boscia, Keely Schofield, Summer Kozy

Communion Assistants

Jennifer Seidel, Shelly Wagaman, Russ Dalrymple, Kathy Leonard

Pantry Volunteers

Skip Brommer, Darrell Correll, Carolyn Flemish, Sharon & Terry Naugle, Sue Tough, Carol Zwarych

Pantry Needs for April: tuna, cereal, mac and cheese, pudding, jello

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

Pope John Paul II

Bell Toller Schedule for April

April 5th

7:30 – Dan Stark
9:00 – Anna Martz
10:30 – Bruce Stettler

April 12th

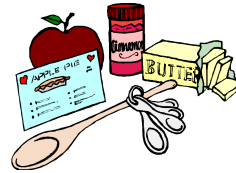
8:00 – Drew Budlong
10:30 – Anna Martz

April 19th

9:00 – Ted DuBois
10:30 – Bruce Stettler

April 26th

8:00 – Rich Albright
10:30 – Herb Hullinger



Absolutely Ultimate Potato Soup

1 pound bacon, chopped
2 stalks celery, diced
1 onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
8 potatoes, peeled and cubed
4 cups chicken stock, or enough to cover potatoes
3 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon dried tarragon
3 teaspoons chopped fresh cilantro
salt and pepper to taste

1. In a Dutch oven, cook the bacon over medium heat until done. Remove bacon from pan, and set aside. Drain off all but 1/4 cup of the bacon grease.
2. Cook celery and onion in reserved bacon drippings until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, and continue cooking for 1 to 2 minutes. Add cubed potatoes, and toss to coat. Saute for 3 to 4 minutes. Return bacon to the pan, and add enough chicken stock to just cover the potatoes. Cover, and simmer until potatoes are tender.
3. In a separate pan, melt butter over medium heat. Whisk in flour. Cook, stirring constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in the heavy cream, tarragon, and cilantro. Bring the cream mixture to a boil, and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Stir the cream mixture into the potato mixture. Puree about 1/2 the soup, and return to the pan. Adjust seasonings to taste.

Mark these dates!

April 26, 2015

Youth Basket Social

May 3, 2015

Youth Worship Services (both)

May 31, 2015

Confirmation

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!



Summer Time Change

Jordan will be going to one service for summer of 2015!

Starting June 21st through September 6th, our church will meet for one combined worship service **at 9:15 a.m.**

So let's all come together and worship as ONE family this summer!

Treasurer's Report for February 2015

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Operating Income	\$18,770.28	\$ 39,726.35
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	2,287.00	5,293.00
Benevolence	1,645.00	3,392.00
Debt Reduction	2,506.00	3,161.00
Total Income	\$25,208.28	\$ 51,572.35
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$ 1,473.54	\$ 3,364.60
Ministries	1,355.61	2,023.14
Payroll	20,831.81	41,108.74
Property	5,551.45	19,616.12
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	6,794.00	11,787.00
Benevolence	2,366.67	4,733.34
Total Expenses	\$38,373.08	\$ 82,632.94
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$13,164.80)	(\$31,060.59)

Council Highlights from March, 2015

- Changes will be made in the May/June envelopes packets to reflect the fact that the mortgage will be paid
- All employee contracts for 2015 were reviewed and signed
- Committee being formed to review Continuing Resolutions and Bylaws
- Contemporary Worship Committee hopes to have a trial run of the new service over the summer; all plans not yet complete
- A Mortgage Burning Celebration is planned for June 14th; more details to come
- Approved Worship & Music's suggestion of one service at 9:15 am, begins on June 21st and goes through September 6th.

2015 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 _____
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. _____

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 26th - August 1st. 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.

EGG HUNT

SATURDAY,

APRIL 4TH

AT 1:00 P.M.

Ages 1 – 12

Baskets, Prizes, Candy
& Fun for Everyone!!!

Volunteers can sign up at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D49A9AA2AA2F49-easter



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church



I'm sending this to thank the JL Congregational Care Team, specifically Kay Mancke, for the call to check on my recuperation from surgery. That was so kind and thoughtful and the prayers were a beautiful gift during a time when I needed healing.

Each week I feel better and should be returning to work by 3/23, following a 7 week hiatus from my job.

First of all, I thank God for helping me to heal; next I thank all of those from Jordan Lutheran who lifted me up in prayer. I have no doubt that those prayers prevented my health issue from becoming far more serious than it is--for that, I can truly count my blessings.

With much appreciation and gratitude ~ wishing you many blessings too!

Kathy Lutterschmidt

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Thank you to the members and friends of Jordan for the prayers, cards, flowers, visits, well wishes and kind thoughts during recent months.

My blessings abound,
With sincere appreciation,
Sharla Kistler



This year's **Outdoor
Worship & Picnic** is
scheduled for August 16th
at Lone Lane Park.

April 12 – Tuna Sunday

Help stock the pantry shelves with canned tuna fish by bringing your donations to church on Sunday, April 12th!!!

