



September, 2015

Some thoughts from your pastor...

"God's Work! Our Hands! With those words as a guide, on or around the weekend of September 12-13th ELCA Lutherans all around the nation will be taking an active opportunity to fulfill "our" Church's mission. That mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (of which we are a part) is:

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world. This is the mission statement of the ELCA. As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus' name throughout the world.

God's Work! Our Hands! With those words as an emphasis of our common calling, ELCA Christians will join for a time this month with others, in large and small ways in and around our congregations, to be a living witness to the vision that is ours as the ELCA:

***Claimed** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit; **Gathered** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's word and share Christ's supper; **Sent** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.*

God's Work! Our Hands! We of Jordan will do our part this year to join our sisters and brothers in Christ in the ELCA in this mission and vision opportunity through an electronics recycling afternoon/evening in our church parking lot on Wednesday, September 23rd (of which you can read more details in this newsletter).

*In this way **Our Hands** will do **God's Work** and make a difference in our world. That's the mission we share! That's the vision to which the Lord hopes we will witness together, not just once a year but each and every day of our lives, individually and especially together as the ELCA.*



Peace,

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE September 2015

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/6)

9:15 – GIA Worship Service w/communion

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/13)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

9:15 – New Member Gathering

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

11:45 – Service of Healing & Wholeness

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/20)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Service w/communion

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/27)

Harvest Home Sunday

8:00 – GIA Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – WOV Worship Service

Jordan Lutheran Church

Office Hrs. M-F, 9:00-4:00

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Bell Choir: Greg Grove

Inc/Exp Coord: Marlene Peters

Canon Choir: Janice Kistler

Cherub Choir: Marlene Peters

Sexton: Ann Kline

DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE

256



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

Altar Guild

Lynn Daniels, Darlene Wehnold

Lectors

Russ Dalrymple, Julie Boscia, Deb Gingerich, Melanie Werley, Lee Kreidler, David Godshall

Ushers

Darrell Correll, Lynn & Tom Daniels, Shirley Schleicher

Bell Tollers

Russ Dalrymple, Bruce Stettler, Dan Stark, Rich Boyer

Acolytes

Dominick Di Maggio, Michael Boscia, Summer Kozy, Samantha

Communion Assistants

Karen Boardman, Donna Stark, Russ Dalrymple, Melanie Werley

Summer Pantry Volunteers

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

Pantry Needs for September: soup, boxed pasta, jello and pudding

September 13th is Soup Sunday – Please bring in your cans of soup this Sunday or any Sunday in September.



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church

“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, September 13th at 9:15 am
In the Conference Room

For those who have very recently joined Jordan or those who wish to join. Two 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. 13th
11:45 am
**(immediately following
the 10:30 service)**

Bell Toller Schedule for September

September 6th
9:15 – Mike Wertman

September 13th
8:00 – Rich Albright
10:30 – Anna Martz

September 20th
8:00 – Dan Stark
10:30 – Nick Wertman

September 27th
8:00 – Ted DuBois
10:30 – Mike Wertman

Cherub Choir

We are looking for children who LOVE to sing!! Rehearsals begin on Sept. 9th. 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. 13th we are back to our regular service times of

8:00 & 10:30

Sunday School at 9:15

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 9th 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

Ushers Needed!

As we approach the fall season and resume the 8:00 and 10:30 service times, we could use some help to lighten the load for the church ushers. The group is shorthanded right now and any amount of time you have to offer would be appreciated. Why not think about volunteering as a family? To learn more or to sign up, please contact Donna Stark (8:00 service) at 610-398-0382 or John Weremedic (10:30 service) at 610-767-4024.

Jordaniers Bowling League

We are in need of bowlers and subs starting in September. If interested or want more info, call Scott Moyer at 610-573-4012 or Darrell Correll at 610-435-8210.

Treasurer's Report for July 2015

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Operating Income	\$18,102.22	\$195,905.17
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	265.00	14,009.50
Benevolence	1,729.00	13,686.00
Debt Reduction		<u>7,131.00</u>
Total Income	\$23,322.22	\$239,956.17
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$ 757.66	\$ 10,616.19
Ministries	864.32	7,932.51
Payroll	20,431.80	141,706.53
Property	4,439.31	61,840.91
Bldg Fund/Mtg.		30,393.84
Benevolence	<u>2,366.67</u>	<u>16,566.69</u>
Total Expenses	\$28,859.76	\$269,056.67
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,537.54)	\$(29,100.50)

2015 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 9/6, 27; 10/11, 18, 25; 11/1, 15, 22; 12/6, 13, 20, 27
Pulpit Flowers: 9/6, 20, 27; 10/4, 11, 18, 25; 11/22, 29; 12/6, 20, 27
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 date(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.

Neffs UCC Preschool

Is your child ready to learn...to play...to grow? We are ready for your child!

Register now for 2015-2016

Classes offered for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and Pre-K. Check us out on Facebook at Neffs UCC Preschool or on our website at www.unionucc.org/preschool.

Contact us by phone: 610-767-5327 or by email: preschool@unionucc.org

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Autumn Dates of Interest

- September 13th** – Rally Day (Sunday School begins)
October 4th – Pink Courage Sunday
October 25th -- First Celebrate & Connect Service
November 21st – Fall Craft Fair
November 25th – Community Thanksgiving Eve Service
at Jordan Lutheran



Reformation....not something that just happened a long time ago.

**Join us on Reformation Sunday for a
New Worship experience.**

**October 25, 2015
9:15 am**

“Celebrate and Connect”

*Jordan Lutheran Church is pleased to offer another choice for worship.
This vibrant, uplifting worship service is designed to provide a positive experience
with a new twist, using technology and music to praise God.*

*Give it a try – once, occasionally or often.
Celebrate and Connect will be offered on the last Sunday of every month.*



July & August 2015 Council Meeting Highlights

July

- Finance Committee recommends increasing CLIU facility rental fee
- Property Committee: security system cost approx. \$5000; steeple painting cost \$10,400; small leak above organ was repaired; window cleaners hired for cost of \$850 (includes inside and outside)
- Celebrate & Connect (contemporary worship) has a donation of \$10,000

August

- In early to mid-fall the Stewardship Committee, in conjunction with Church Council, will begin a six-week series of brief presentations at the beginning of the church service explaining Part 2 of the Monkey Campaign: Mission, Ministry, and Mortar.



MAKE A CALL ~ PAY A VISIT ~ SEND A CARD ~ SAY A PRAYER

LutherCrest: Jean Lee

Saucon Valley Manor: Elizabeth Fritch, Joanne Wentz

Manor Care: Peg Smith

Fellowship Manor: Florence & Nevin Roth

At Home: Grace Haas, Doris Koch, Russell Bear, John Hemmis, Marion Whitner, Olive Wood, Melvin Rau, Richard & Norma Grammes, Donald Werley, Warren Gressley, Ferne Rock

Lutheran Home at Topton: Anne Hulme

Kirkland Village: Jane Koch

St. John's Specialty Care Ctr., Mars PA: Sharla Kistler

Please keep these people in your prayers: Dale Hahn, Jamie Silvonek, Cheryl Fatzinger, Carl Roth, Arlene Snyder, Lucy Laudenslager, Glenn Hahn



September Birthdays

- 1: Rose Laudenslager, Wendy Schalter
- 2: Ava Collins, Robert Heilman, Lola Safadi
- 4: Marguerite Reinhard
- 5: John Wolf, Wayne Cardoni, Jason Grim
Carol Hoffman, Lindsay Turkos
- 6: Carl Benner
- 7: Dave Figner, Anna Horn, Paul Marsteller, Ryan Micheletti, Nancy Warrington
- 8: Cheryl Silvonek
- 9: Rachel Heilman, Nathanael Rakos
- 10: Jean Adam, Gary Schneck
- 11: David Correll, Jackson Haught, Thomas Roth, Donald Schey
- 12: Durward Hamil, Tammy Klotz, Kenneth Ryder
- 13: Ronald Hartzell
- 14: Larry Hahn
- 15: Anthony Fay, Patricia White
- 16: Jeffrey Berdahl, Jacob Figner
- 17: Cory Grover, Lynn McDevitt, Carolyn Mikols, John Talley
- 18: Anna Hahn, Kim Roth, Ben Albright
- 20: Cassidy Stout
- 21: Diane Beitler, Evan Miller, Franklin Rabert
- 22: Jane Suhocki
- 23: Radelle Psarsky
- 24: Patricia Budlong, Justine Figner, James Moyer, Elizabeth Schofield
- 25: Kristie Beitler
- 26: David Diehl, Matthew Tom, Cassandra Ward
- 27: Mark Miller
- 28: Ashleigh Budlong
- 29: William Kocher, Kathryn Leonard, Kimberly Ream
- 30: Ron Crane, Arlene Miller



September Anniversaries

- Sept. 16, 1961: Donald & Elsie Schey
Sept. 23, 1961: Keith & Judith Young
Sept. 28, 1963: Carl & Carol Hoffman
Sept. 1, 1973: Jeffrey & Kathy Segan
Sept. 7, 1974: Dale & Jessie Greenawald
Sept. 7, 1975: Doug & Marge Clark
Sept 27, 1975: Aleksander & Carol Maciorowski
Sept. 24, 1977: Sharon & Roland Harrier
Sept. 9, 1978: James & Mary Ann Sandrock
Sept. 5, 1980: Elaine & Jeffrey Toth
Sept. 20, 1980: Robert & Janet Branch
Sept. 28, 1985: Kathleen & William Lutterschmidt
Sept. 17, 1988: Lori & Roger Hamm
Sept. 8, 1990: James & Debbie Moyer
Sept. 15, 1990: Cynthia & Steven Gingras
Sept. 15, 1990: Lisa & Alan Jones
Sept. 23, 1995: Chris & Julie Boscia
Sept. 23, 1995: Cedella & Paul Schenck
Sept. 6, 1997: Kim & Thomas Roth
Sept. 26, 1998: Carolyn & Dale Stettler
Sept. 27, 2002: Leroy & Mary Ann Dollak
Sept. 13, 2003: Kelly & Kevin Borst
Sept. 13, 2003: Michael & Nicole Brennan
Sept. 20, 2003: Stacy & Andrew Grim
Sept. 5, 2004: Jason & Jessica Pijut
Sept. 22, 2006: Stephany & Daniel Heckman