

February, 2016

From the Council President...

I have a confession to make. I am normally a very happy and positive person –and I think most of you are too. These last few months, though, have truly been a test of our fortitude. I believe that Jordan is turning a corner now, and I ask you all for your continued patience and prayers.

I'm sure you would agree that God provides for those in need. He has a reason for everything, including bringing people into our midst when needed. I believe our new interim pastor, Guy Grube, was sent to Jordan to aid us in our time of need. I hope that you will take the time to speak with him after worship and welcome him (back) to Jordan. We will be posting his office hours soon should you want to schedule an appointment with Pastor Grube.

The Executive Committee developed three particular areas of interest for Pastor Grube to focus on during his year at Jordan. First, we would like him to aid the congregation in the areas of communication, conflict management, unity, committee work and spirituality. Second, we ask for his involvement in youth and adult education. Third, we request Pastor Grube's attendance at committee and church meetings as needed. Our committees could use your assistance and involvement in 2016. We can find the right match for your talents, strengths and skills – give me a call (610-398-2859) or send me an e-mail (julie.boscia@gmail.com).

I want to thank you again for your participation in the Congregational Transition survey. This is just one step in developing the Parish Study Report and providing information for our Call Committee. I invite you all to attend the meeting with Pastor Lori Kochanski (our liaison to the Synod) on Sunday, March 6th at 1:30PM for the next step in the process.

Here's something to help you get back to that happy and positive place. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12) "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

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Irene Johnson

Michael Kerschner

Samantha Klotz

Kevin Murphy

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February

Transfiguration of Our Lord (2/7)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

Ash Wednesday Service (2/10) at 7:00 p.m.

First Sunday in Lent (2/14)

8:00 - ELW Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Boy Scout Sunday

Mid-Week Lenten Service (2/17) at 7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday in Lent (2/21)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

Mid-Week Lenten Service (2/24) at 7:00 p.m.

Third Sunday in Lent (2/28)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

9:15am- Celebrate & Connect Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW 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

2016 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 2/7, 14, 21, 28; 3/6, 13, 20, 27; 4/3, 10, 17, 24

Pulpit Flowers: 2/7, 14, 21, 28; 3/6, 13, 20, 27; 4/3, 10, 17

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

Jennifer Seidel, Dianne Benner
Judy Grim, Carolyn Flemish

Lectors

Jenny Barr, Louise Stettler, Ted DuBois,
Daivd Godshall, Andrea Russell, Barbara
Godshall, Deb Gingerich, Julie Boscia

Ushers

Merle & Jean Cydis, Matthew Steckel,
Paige Steckel, The Barnett Family

Bell Tollers

Rich Boyer, Bruce Stettler, Jenny Bair,
Dan Stark, Chris Boscia, Deb Gingerich

Acolytes

Summer Kozy, Michael Boscia,
Samantha Klotz, Kyle Heston, Erin Klotz

Communion Assistants

Carolyn Flemish, Kathy Leonard, Lori
Hamm

Pantry Volunteers

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

**Pantry Needs for February: canned
fruit, peanut butter, pasta sauce**

Second Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2016, immediately following the 10:30 service. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss any topics relevant to Jordan (except the budget which was already approved at the December 6th meeting).

*“Above all, love
each other
deeply, because
love covers over
a multitude
of sins.”
1 Peter 4:8*



**Bell Toller Schedule
for February**

February 7th

8:00 – Bill Lutterschmidt
10:30 – Sandie Hamil

February 14th

8:00 – Rich Albright
10:30 – Boy Scouts

February 21st

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

February 28th

8:00 – Bill Lutterschmidt
10:30 – Chris Boscia

Treasurer’s Report for December 2015

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income		
Operating Income	\$45,571.61	\$365,066.34
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	57.00	21,460.20
Benevolence	2,090.00	23,516.00
Property	2,891.00	22,681.50
Debt Reduction	---	7,131.00
Total Income	\$50,609.61	\$439,855.04
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 1,725.90	\$ 16,768.65
Ministries	2,827.17	18,651.45
Payroll	13,478.56	240,010.05
Property	9,495.23	94,168.41
Bldg Fund/Mtg.	---	30,393.84
Benevolence	2,366.67	29,000.04
Total Expenses	\$29,893.53	\$428,992.44
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 20,716.08	\$ 10,862.60

Winter Weather Cancellations: In the event that church services must be cancelled due to inclement weather, you can keep informed by: (1) calling the church office to hear a recorded message regarding the status of the services, or (2) listen to these radio stations - 99.9 The Hawk, or WAEB-FM 790, or (3) watch WFMZ TV or check their website, or (4) check www.waeb.com (Operation Snowflake), or (5) check the Jordan Facebook page.

Pastor Werley has told us that, in keeping with synod policy, he cannot accept requests or invitations from us to perform pastoral functions on our behalf. To respect his resolve, members should make all contacts for pastoral services to our interim pastor. When a new pastor is called and begins his/her service, all such requests should be made directly to him/her.

**The Celebrate & Connect
Worship Committee is in need of
some assistance from anyone
who has graphic design skills and
capabilities. If you are able to
help, please contact Angie
Heston at thehestons@rcn.com.**



**Pantry Sunday
February 14th
CANNED FRUIT SUNDAY**

**Your donations of canned
fruit will be greatly
appreciated!**

**By Including a Gift to Endowment Fund In Your Will,
Your Commitment to Jordan Lives On**

As you plan for the future and make commitments within your will, please consider including a gift to the Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. These gifts can provide tax advantages* for you and can have a tremendous impact on our ability to complete our church mission now and in years to come. * Check with your tax advisor for details.

ROYAL (RAJA) YOGA/MEDITATION

Path of meditative/moral yogic tradition
BODY – MIND – SPIRIT

This 6-session class will be offered at Jordan, through the Active Life (Senior) Center of Allentown, on Thursdays, Feb. 11 – Mar. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

- 1 – withdrawal & redirection*
- 2 – one-pointed centering*
- 3 – reflection & thought balancing*
- 4 – breathing & posture*
- 5 – virtue & habits*
- 6 – moral imperative*

To register, contact the Active Life Center at 610-437-3700 or instructor Jim Skelton at 215-679-6051.

Fee: \$40/individuals
\$70/couples
Free/Students over 16

Council Highlights, January 2015

- **Planning Temple Talks periodically to inform the congregation about the Endowment Committees – first one planned for Feb. 14th**
- **The sidewalk will be repaired in spring**
- **Louise Quaintance resigned as chairperson of the Music & Worship Committee**
- **Pastor Guy Grube was hired as the Interim Pastor; he starts on Feb. 1st but will attend the congregational meeting on Jan. 31st**

Lent 2015

Please join us for Lenten fellowship at our Wednesday evening Soup and Salad Suppers immediately prior to Mid-Week Lenten Services. The meal begins at 5:30 p.m. Soups, breads, and desserts are needed. Kitchen help and assistance setting up and cleaning up are also requested. *The Service is held at 7:00 p.m.*



I/We will _____ *make soup for 10 - 15 people*

_____ *make salad for 10 - 15 people*

_____ *provide bread for 15 people*

_____ *provide dessert for 10 - 15 people*

_____ *provide salad toppings (bacon, cheese, eggs, croutons, etc)*

_____ *co-ordinate one supper*

_____ *help in the kitchen to set up*

_____ *help in the kitchen to clean up*

_____ *help set up/take down tables and chairs*

or:

please circle preferred date(s)

Feb. 10 Feb. 17 Feb. 24 Mar. 2 Mar. 9 Mar. 16 Mar. 23

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please bring a copy of your recipe so we can share them!

A free-will offering for World Hunger will be received at the suppers.

January 2016

To Council and Members of Jordan Lutheran Church:

I have been chairperson of our Craft Fair for 11 years. When I accepted this position from Carol A. Kuhns, I made a promise to myself that I would do this for ten years. I gave one more year; and now it is time to resign; I will continue to help and to train whoever takes over.

We have many men and women who have helped for years and there are subcommittees that handle renting tables, advertising, the Chinese auction, the youth volunteers, the cooking, and the baking. More tasks can be separated and small groups formed. There is no need to feel overwhelmed.

I ask the members to think hard about taking over the chair position. I used my God given talents and I know there are others who have these gifts. Call and talk to me if you are interested or want more information. All it takes is a good leader and organizer who can tell the volunteers when and what to do and just be an all-around person in the kitchen or find someone who wants to be in charge of the kitchen. You just have to pull it together for one day.

Thank you to all who have so graciously helped and given of their time. We would not have had successful events without all of you working with me. God Bless You. I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2016.

Peace and Love,
Louise Stettler

2016 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. _____
Please check: ___ Flower ___ Hunger Fund ___ Memorial Fund

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? NOW is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty God intended. Weekends run from Friday evening at 8 PM to Sunday afternoon around 4 PM.

The 2016 Pennsylvania Spring Weekends are:

- April 8-10, 2016 in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's"
- April 22-24, 2016 at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA, Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of Nittany Mountain

Registrations are also being accepted for the September 16-18, 2016 Weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA, in the Poconos and the October 21-23, 2016 Weekend at the beautiful Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA . Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish to make near the end of the Weekend toward the continuation of the program.

To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and pay the registration fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. **Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice.** For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.



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

Saucon Valley Manor: Elizabeth Fritch

Manor Care: Peg Smith

Fellowship Manor: Florence & Nevin Roth

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

At home: Grace Haas, Russell Bear, John Hemmis, Olive Wood, Melvin Rau, Mary Ann Rau, Richard & Norma Grammes, Donald Werley, Warren Gressley, LaVonne Gingerich, Lucie Laudenslager

Please keep these people in your prayers: Jamie Silvonek, Willis Kuhns, David Rabenold, Raymond Shuey, Michael Lacko, Ann Heller, Elizabeth Habermehl



February Birthdays

- 3: Ronald Kistler, Carol Wendling
- 4: Aubrey Knoll, Irene Rock
- 6: Tara Cole, Carol Derr, Braydon Epting, Landon Epting
- 7: Margaret Grover
- 8: Diane Crouthamel
- 9: Ashley Gery, Paul Heist
- 10: John Evans, Tammy Krueger
- 11: Amy Dalrymple
- 12: David Diehl, Jr., Gertrud Knerr, Michael Martin, Kurt Oertner
- 13: Jean Cydis
- 14: Noah Helmuth, Sandra Hoffman, Mary Schneider, Flora Weber
- 15: Andrew Gross, Ashley Helsley, Barbara Kocher, Carol Maciorowski, Marc Posegay
- 16: Debbie Moyer, John Sweeney
- 17: Jean Best, Eleanora Heckman, Emma Kozy
- 18: Reinhard Knerr, Rebecca Kocher, Denise Trainor
- 20: Clair Beaver, Rachel Wagaman
- 21: Kenneth Benner, Erica Murphy, Marlene Peters
- 22: Caroline Dorney
- 23: Melissa Greenawald, Sigrid Warke
- 24: Dennis Barr, Barry Nagle, Jamie Silvonek
- 26: Sean Warrington
- 27: Brent Hullinger, Harry Kemp, Barbara Kreidler
- 28: Charlotte Horn



February Anniversaries

- Feb. 20, 1982: Kathryn & Bruce Leonard
- Feb. 14, 1991: Julianna & Richard Boyer
- Feb. 7, 1997: Jeffrey & Judy White
- Feb. 14, 2004: Fred & Terrie Weidman

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!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated money to help support Temple University's HootaThon dance marathon to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In total, you raised \$85 and helped me reach \$145 in donations. In total, HootaThon raised \$280,620.76 for the children!

Leah Wenhold