



March, 2016

Some thoughts from your pastor...

We continue to walk the path of the Lenten journey with its somber and heavy atmosphere knowing what lies ahead is the spectacular event of the Resurrection. Over the last 2000 plus years the church has traveled this path many times. The result has always been the same: out of death comes life, out of darkness comes light, out of hopelessness comes hope, and faith is renewed and restored.

Truly this is the mystery and majesty of how God works not only in the Resurrection of his Son Jesus, but in the lives of his human creation as well. Who among us has not at one time or another walked in darkness, in times when you wondered, "What are you doing to me? Where are you now that I need you most?"

The disciples could not quite grasp the full picture of the resurrection. It was beyond their ability to understand. We, who are in Christ, have a distinct advantage over the disciples. We know the ending to the story that Jesus and the disciples wrote.

It is this story of Jesus and the resurrection that unites every person who calls Jesus, Lord. We may disagree on theological issues, we may disagree on matters of faith expression, or any number of things, but there is one unifying thing that supersedes every disagreement for the Christian. Every Christian would agree that God raised Jesus from the dead, that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, that Jesus walks with each one even in the darkest of hours and that we are called to give thanks and praise for this amazing gift.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! THANKS BE TO GOD!!

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

In Christ,

Pastor Grube

From the Council President...

78 pages. That is the length of the Professional Leadership Transition Process Manual I was given by the Synod. There are 5 sections to help Jordan move through the process to call a new pastor. As you know, we have already completed the Congregational Transition Survey. I am also happy to announce that our 6 member Call Committee has been formed and consists of Mia Jensen (youth representative), Ingrid Martz, Andrea Russell, Mike Kerschner (Council representative), Karl Kroboth and Dan Stark. You will learn more about them in next month's newsletter.

The next step of the transition process will take place on Sunday, March 6th at 1:30PM in the Sanctuary. Pastor Lori Kochanski will be leading a special meeting for the entire congregation to answer any questions you may have about the call process. I strongly encourage all of you to attend this meeting, which should last about one hour. She will also be distributing 2 surveys to help gather more information to prepare the Ministry Site Profile. I want to give you the questions from one of the surveys in advance to give you time to really think about your responses.

The 4 reflection questions are:

1. What is the biggest challenge facing your congregation?
2. How has your congregation helped you grow in your understanding of what it means to follow Jesus?
3. How has your congregation changed in the last 5 years to respond to changes in your community?
4. What's one thing you think God would like to see change in your congregation?

As we continue on this journey, please remember that we at Jordan are not alone. Pastor Kochanski is here to guide us through the call process. Pastor Grube is here to guide and assist us through the transition process. The Church Council is here to guide us through the necessary business of the congregation. It truly "takes a village" and we are stronger when we work together. I leave you with these words from the 12th Chapter of Romans: "For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..."

Julie Boscia
Council President

**Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 6th at 1:30PM in the Sanctuary
with Pr. Lori Kochanski answering your questions**

CHURCH COUNCIL

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March

Mid-Week Lenten Service (3/2) at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent (3/6)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/comm.

Mid-Week Lenten Service (3/9) at 7:00 p.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent (3/13)

8:00 - ELW Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Girl Scout Sunday

Mid-Week Lenten Service (3/16) at 7:00 p.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday (3/20)

8:00 & 10:30 – Worship Services

Mid-Week Lenten Service (3/23) at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Communion and

First Communion (3/24) at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service (3/25) at 7:00 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord (4/20)

6:30 – Sunrise Service (on the cemetery)

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

Holy Communion

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Guy R. Grube

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Jerel Gade

Administrator: Monica Unangst

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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

2015 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 3/20, 27; 4/3, 10, 17, 24; 5/15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12, 19, 26

Pulpit Flowers: 3/6, 13, 20, 27; 4/3, 10, 17; 5/1, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12, 26

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

Lynn Daniels, Jane Suhocki, Carolyn Flemish, Chris Heilman, Sandie Hamil

Lectors

Tammy Klotz, Nancy Steltz, Shirley Schleicher, Carolyn Flemish, Shirley Schneider, Andrea Russell, Carol Nagle, Deb Gingerich

Ushers

Dave Figner, Dan Stark, Donna Stark, Cindy Stauffer, Karl Kroboth, Beth Kroboth, Will Kroboth, Terrie Weidman

Bell Tollers

Bill Lutterschmidt, Sandie Hamil, Rich Albright, Rich Boyer, Bruce Stettler, Bill Lutterschmidt, Chris Boscia

Acolytes

Erin Klotz, Kyle Heston, Aiden Pitts, Summer Kozy, Michael Boscia

Communion Assistants

Shelly Wagaman, Karen Boardman, Marlene Peters, Carolyn Flemish, Jamie Edelman

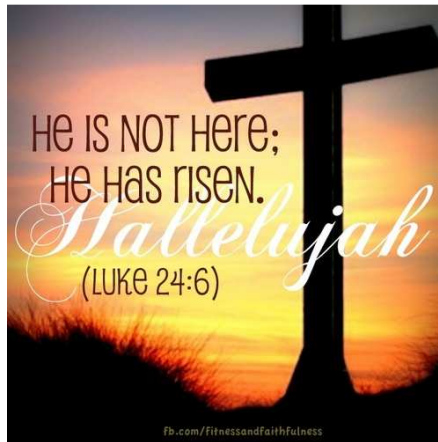
Pantry Volunteers

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

Pantry Needs for March: pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter

“Outside of the cross of Jesus Christ, there is no hope in this world. That cross and resurrection at the core of the Gospel is the only hope for humanity. Wherever you go, ask God for wisdom on how to get that Gospel in, even in the toughest situations of life.”

Ravi Zacharias



Bell Toller Schedule for March

March 6th

8:00 –
10:30 – Mike Wertman

March 13th

8:00 –
10:30 – Chris Boscia

March 20th

8:00 –
10:30 – Sandie Hamil

March 27th (Easter)

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

Treasurer's Report for January 2016

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Operating Income	\$20,349.28	\$ 20,349.28
Property	3,128.26	3,128.26
Benevolence	1,686.50	1,686.50
Debt Reduction	-----	-----
Total Income	\$25,164.04	\$ 25,164.04
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$ 1,486.35	\$ 1,486.35
Ministries	308.00	308.00
Payroll	10,807.02	10,807.02
Property	5,655.38	5,655.38
Benevolence	3,228.67	3,228.67
Total Expenses	\$ 21,486.42	\$ 21,485.42
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(3,678.62)	\$ (3,678.62)

Celebrate & Connect (C & C) Worship Service Continues

Jordan has now held C & C Worship services in the months of October, November, December, January & February! The Planning Committee continues to receive positive feedback and ideas about how to further improve the service. The committee will be taking the month of March to incorporate the feedback we have received and introduce the next series of C & C Worship services in April. Given that Easter falls on the last Sunday of March, there will be no C & C service in March! Watch for more details in the weeks ahead so that you can Celebrate & Connect with us in April!

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 6th at 1:30PM in the Sanctuary

All members of the congregation are requested to attend this special meeting with Pastor Lori Kochanski. She will answer your questions about the pastoral transition and call process. She will also be gathering more information for Jordan's profile and report. Your input is needed to form an accurate picture of Jordan's needs for the new pastor. The meeting should last about one hour.



Time to plan your week at Bear Creek Camp

Materials are available from the church office or you can explore Bear Creek Camp AND register online at bearcreekcamp.org. Don't forget, half the campership fee is granted to all Jordan members by the Endowment Disbursement Committee when they attend! Additional financial assistance may be available if you qualify. Call the church office.

Pastor Grube's Office Hours

Mondays from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

You are welcome to call for an appointment to see him during those hours. If you drop by during those times and find his office door open, you are invited to stop in.

If you need to see him but the above hours don't work for you, please call the church office and we will find a better time.

Pastor Grube is also reachable through the pastor's email:

pastorjordanlutheran@verizon.net

Council Highlights, February 2016

- Temple Talks planned to familiarize the congregation with the function of the Endowment Disbursement Committee
- Interview process was begun with first candidate for organist/choir director position
- Sunday, March 6th at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Kochanski will be at Jordan to do a survey and answer questions

Dear Jordan Lutheran Church Congregation,

Now the holiday season is behind us, and we reflect upon the gifts that have come our way. It is with thankfulness that you receive this letter from me. The Lehigh Conference of Churches is so very appreciative of the household items that you have given to us that have been passed on to the ones that we serve. Those less fortunate individuals who received the items that you donated are truly blessed and thankful for your acts of kindness to place these kitchen and other items needed in a home in their lives.

Thank you for your generosity and your ongoing support for what we do to help the homeless and needy in our community. Through your contributions, you are making extreme differences in the lives of others.

Ben Stephens, Clinical Supervisor, Pathways Housing Program

Lent 2016

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

on:

please circle preferred date(s)

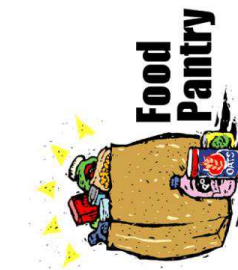
Feb. 10 Feb. 17 Feb. 24 Mar. 2 Mar. 9 Mar. 16 Mar. 23

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.



The pantry wishes to thank the congregation for its recent donations of 107 hygiene items for January and 40 cans of soup on Souper Bowl Sunday. We would also like to thank Senior Girl Scout Troop 6550 for collecting, assembling, and handing out Blessing Bags of hygiene items for our pantry families. In addition, High School students bought items for the pantry during their community service event at "Night on the Move." It is a blessing that many have recognized and helped our pantry in January.

Pantry Sunday on March 13th will be PASTA SAUCE SUNDAY

The Pantry in need of several more reliable volunteers who can be available on weekdays to pack and distribute food.

Contact Glenn at gandk5124@verizon.net

Baptism calls for every member to be in ministry. Congregations and other non-profits are America's largest employers. Volunteers show up for work every day. Their "salary" is challenging personal growth, the opportunity to make a difference, and meaningful experiences and relationships. Are you tapping into this well-paid opportunity?

Mid-Week Lenten Worship 2016

The Lord's Prayer

February 17 – *A Name Holy*

Petition #1: "Hallowed (holy) be your name."

February 24 – *God's Kingdom and His Will*

Petition #2 & 3: "Your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

March 2 – *Daily Bread*

Petition #4: "Give us this day our daily bread."

March 9 – *Forgiven to Forgive*

Petition #5: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

March 16 – *Temptation and Evil*

Petition #6 & 7: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

March 23 – *God's Kingdom Forever*

Doxology: "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

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

Meet Pastor Grube

So that we might come to know each other a bit better, I would like to share a few things about myself. I am a second career pastor having spent 13 years in the business world prior to attending seminary. My theological education was taken at Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor Maine and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

I served the United Church of Christ, First Congregational Church for three years in Milford Maine as a student pastor. During my Seminary time, I also served for one year at Redeemer Lutheran Church as the stated supply in the absence of a regularly called pastor. I graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary in May of 1975. After my graduation, I was called as the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Valley View, Pennsylvania, where I served for nine years. My second call was to Trinity Lutheran Church, Lehighton, Pennsylvania. I served in this call for 12 years. The third call was given to me by Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (Krumsville) Kutztown, Pa. During my pastorate at Trinity Lutheran, Valley View, I served as the Dean of the Schuylkill district, served on the Synod council and on various Synod committees. In May of 2015 I celebrated 40 years of ordination.

I retired from full time ministry in 2001. Over the retirement years I have served in six congregations in the capacity of interim pastor, did supply preaching and assisted in various ways at Weisenberg Lutheran church which is where Norma and I hold our membership.

Norma and I are married 57 years peacefully (most of the time) and have 5 children and somewhere around 20 grandchildren. When I am not serving as an interim pastor, I spend a great deal of time in the basement in my woodworking shop, put together puzzles, read, do word puzzles and tend to a rather large garden.

This is probably as much, perhaps more, than you need to know about me. However, if you are still curious about some things, stop in the study when the door is open and I will expound on any topic that you wish.



Memorial Fund

Given in memory of Wayne A. Cardoni

Tom & Lynn Daniels
Roberta A. Yarish
JoAnne Shilanskas
Norm & Ila Dietrich
Ann Jeannette Pierce
Kent & Kathryn Fruge
Cydney & William Cunningham

William & Jean Fruge
Patricia Potter
Carl & Cathy Wiest
Mary Brey
Matthew & Lorraine McTish
Charles & Mary Ann Groeller
Gayle A. Cardoni

Given in memory of Anne Hulme

Leonard Miller & Jayne Donchez

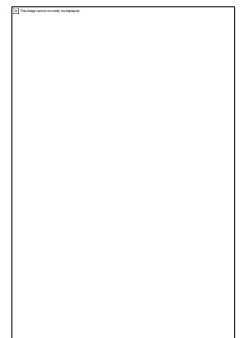


Egg Hunt Donations

This year's annual Jordan Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26th, at 11:00 a.m. As we have done in the past several years, we will fill plastic egg with non-chocolate, individually wrapped candy for the children to find. Each age group will have several prize eggs. Prizes are usually gift cards to local kid-friendly places, like Yo-Fresh, Target, etc. Additionally, we like to send the children home with a small basket filled with Easter treats. There is also a Jelly Bean and Hershey Kiss guessing contest. This year we are planning on making Peeps Easter Bunny Race Cars (see photo) for each child who attends. We usually plan for 75 children to attend!

To help make our Egg Hunt a success this year, we would greatly appreciate your support by providing monetary donations or any of the following items: individually-wrapped non-chocolate candy, bags of jelly beans, bags of Easer Hershey Kisses, boxes of Twinkies, packages of vanilla Oreo Cookies, white chocolate covered pretzels, marshmallow Peeps bunnies.

Non-monetary donations can be placed in the Egg Hunt Donations box in the foyer. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate marked "Egg Hunt" or given to Monica in the church office, Tracy Heberling, or Tammy Klotz. If you have any questions about his year's event, please contact either Tracy (tracyheberling@yahoo.com or 610-730-5456) or Tammy (tamklotz@gmail.com or 610-703-2815). Thank you for your support!



-Tracy Heberling & Tammy Klotz

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, Lucie Laudenslager, Willis Kuhns, David Rabenold, Michael Lacko, Ann Heller, Roger Hamm, Barbara Diehl



March Birthdays

- 1: Karen Boardman, Tighe Parker, Nathaniel Phillips
- 2: Thomas Friday, Asher Pijut, Taylor Wikert
- 3: Doug Clark, Glenn Wagner
- 4: Aiden Pitts, Joshua Smith
- 5: Carina Epting, Blake Greenawald, Christine Hivizdak, Ira Van Scyoc
- 6: Alice Schneck, Larry Schneider
- 7: Adam Daniels
- 8: Ian Christianson, Jaime Gray, Amanda Schuler
- 9: Joanne Hemmis, Leslie Mayo
- 10: Keira Kohlbrenner, Connor Weir
- 11: William Hendricks, Amanda Schofield
- 12: Tiffany Bentson
- 13: John Weremedic
- 14: Laura Garrison, Michael Kerschner
- 15: Nathaniel Benner, Wesley Filipovits, Harry Kohlbrenner
- 16: Lee Kreidler
- 17: Dominick DiMaggio
- 18: Darrell Correll, Alan Jones
- 19: Norma Grammes, George Hein, Teresa Laudenslager
- 20: Matthew Damminger, Richard Semmel, Jim Wagner
- 21: Lucas Heberling
- 22: Amy Barnett, Lamont Cope, Sandra Sponsler, Olive Wood*
- 23: Rachael Hendricks, Andrea Russell, Gretchen Wagner, Terrie Weidman
- 24: Samantha Klotz
- 25: Lynette Daniels, Carolyn Flemish, Jeffrey Laudenslager, Carol Ludwig, Lauren Nunn, Arden Pohlod
- 26: Richard Kulp, Jamie Sandrock
- 27: Derrick Gaugler, Robert Miller, Marjorie Wilt
- 28: Ronald Andersch, Phyllis German, Kitty Tom
- 29: Dale Hahn, Lori Hamm, Kevin Vehovic
- 30: Jennessa White

**these folks are shut-ins and would sure appreciate a card or phone call!*



March Anniversaries

- March 26, 1960*
Ilabelle & Norman Dietrich
- March 17, 1962*
Shirley & Lawrence Wertman
- March 6, 1976*
Linda & William Hendricks
- March 13, 1993*
Terry & James Gannon
- March 22, 1997*
Tracy & Deron Haught
- March 7, 2015*
James & Nikki Brezack



Q: What determines the date Easter Sunday falls on or when Lent begins?

A: The Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D., determined that Easter should be celebrated the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. To determine

the beginning of Lent, count back six Sundays before Easter. The Wednesday before the first of these Sundays is Ash Wednesday.

Q: What does the word Lent mean?

A: It is from the Anglo-Saxon word *lengten*, which means spring.