



*May, 2016*

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*Pentecost – A Red Letter Day*

As a Christian family we have lived through the dark and gloomy days of Lent and Holy Week and the agonizing death of Jesus, the Son of God.

We have known and experienced the mind boggling proclamation “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” This is a reality that is so foreign to the human experience that it is hard to grasp, and perhaps even harder to believe and incorporate into our everyday living. Even those who were intimately involved in following Jesus, even those who had seen all that Jesus had done and heard all that Jesus had said, found it hard to incorporate Jesus’ resurrection to life into daily living.

Then we have this RED LETTER DAY called PENTECOST, and suddenly, nothing is the same. A man named Peter, along with the other disciples, who are holed up in the upper room in fear and trepidation of those who had crucified Jesus, are suddenly found in the middle of the street with Peter preaching a powerful message based on the words of the prophet Joel.

They were burned from head to toe in heart, mind and spirit by the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit that God had released upon them.

This is the same fire of God that drew Moses to the bush that did not burn, that enveloped Moses on the mountain, that presented to God the offerings of the Israelites and that prevented the Egyptians from capturing the Israelite people as they escaped from slavery in Egypt. It is the very same fire of God that led the Israelites through the wilderness experience. It is this fire of God that told them when and where to move through the 40 years of wandering.

It is the same fire of God that burned in the heart and mind of John Casper, Jr. as he heard the call to minister to the early settlers and followers of Christ who, in 1734, lived along the Jordan. It is the same fire of God that burned in those early Christians who found it important to erect a log building to set aside for worshipping in the name of the Son of God. It is this same fire of God that supported and encouraged the ministry and mission of Jordan Lutheran Church for 282 years through the difficult times and in the times of great strides in mission and ministry.

It is this same fire of God, called the Holy Spirit, that is renewed, refreshed and restored in us as we celebrate this RED LETTER DAY called PENTECOST which Luther tells us in the Small Catechism “Calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth (and even, and perhaps especially, Jordan Lutheran) and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.”

Let us all pray that every member of Jordan Lutheran might be burned real good with the fire of God called the Holy Spirit on this RED LETTER DAY called PENTECOST.

**CELEBRATING  
GOD  
CONNECTING  
PEOPLE**

PAX and AGAPE,

*Pastor Grube*

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### May 2016

### Sixth Sunday of Easter (5/1)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

### Seventh Sunday of Easter (5/8)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/communion, Confirmation

### Pentecost (5/15)

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

### Trinity Sunday (5/22)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

### Second Sunday after Pentecost (5/29)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – WOV Worship Service

## Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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Interim Pastor: Rev. Guy R. Grube

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Jerel Gade

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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** – 15<sup>th</sup> of the month  
prior to publication

**Bulletin** – 10 a.m. Thursdays

### HOSPITAL CODE

256



YOU ARE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF GOD'S GRACE.  
Thank You for being the Woman of God I aspire to be.

## 2016 SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** 5/15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12, 19, 26; 7/3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Pulpit Flowers:** 5/22, 29; 6/5, 12, 26; 7/3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**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](mailto: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.

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

**Altar Guild**

Donna Stark, Deb Gingerich  
Judy Grim

**Lectors**

Tammy Klotz, Louise Stettler, Carolyn Flemish, Lee Kreidler, Shirley Miller, Shirley Schneider, Andrea Russell, Ingrid Martz

**Ushers**

Sonny & Lucille Laudenslager, Kevin & Judy Murphy, Stettler family, Jensen, DiMaggio

**Bell Tollers**

Bill Lutterschmidt, Jenny Bair, Justin Grim, Chris Boscia, Dan Stark, Bruce Stettler, Sandie Hamil, Mike Wertman

**Acolytes**

Erin Klotz, Kyle Heston, Michael Boscia, Summer Kozy, Logan Edelman, Gavin Russell, Grace Martz-Shelton

**Communion Assistants**

Carolyn Flemish, Jamie Edelman, Karen Boardman



These students have completed their confirmation studies and experiences and will affirm their baptismal vows on May 8<sup>th</sup>:

***Gavin Russell, Alexa Wechsler***

These young people have fulfilled the requirements for worship and class participation, service to the church and community, and attendance at retreats and special events. We congratulate them and their families.

“Be a Mother who is committed to loving her children into standing on higher ground than the environment surrounding them. Mothers are endowed with a love that is unlike any other love on the face of the earth.”

— **Marjorie Pay Hinckley**



**Bell Toller Schedule for May**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 – Bill Lutterschmidt  
10:30 – Bruce Stettler

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 – Sandie Hamil  
10:30 – Mike Wertman

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 – Dan Stark  
10:30 – Bruce Stettler

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 – *volunteer needed*  
10:30 – Mike Wertman

**Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday  
May 15, 2016**

Please use a separate form for each plant being sponsored. No orders will be taken without payment. Please see that your form is in by Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. All geraniums will be planted on church grounds as living memorials.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given  
by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ geraniums x \$9 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount enclosed)





*We welcome the recently baptized:*

*Austin John Kessler  
Jackson George Kessler  
sons of Andrew & Jocelyn Kessler  
baptized on Feb. 28, 2016*

*Andrew Scott Heckman  
son of Daniel & Stephany Heckman  
baptized on April 10, 2016*

### Treasurer's Report for March 2016

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Operating Income	\$37,028.25	\$ 81,726.63
Benevolence	1,576.00	4,903.50
Property	2,210.00	8,534.26
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$40,814.25</b>	<b>\$ 95,164.39</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration	\$ 2,207.84	\$ 5,343.91
Ministries	2,841.39	4,503.44
Payroll	17,044.84	44,658.40
Property	2,965.90	19,250.61
Benevolence	2,366.67	7,962.01
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 27,426.64</b>	<b>\$ 81,718.37</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 13,387.61</b>	<b>\$ 13,446.02</b>



### May 15<sup>th</sup> – PANTRY DAY

*We'll be collecting hygiene items for the pantry: toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, hand soap, etc.*

### Council Highlights from April 2016

- 2 youth approved for Confirmation on May 8th pending completion of requirements
- Stewardship & Outreach committees creating a plan to contact "lapsed" members
- Property committee members held a work day to clean up outside the church
- A series of meetings are being held for the Call Committee & Council members to create the Ministry Site Profile
- The search continues for an organist/choir director
- Need 2 delegates (one female, one male) for the Mission and Synod meetings in May & June
- Review of the CLIU contract

**Snack Packs** for needy children in Parkland and Northwestern School Districts is an Allentown West Rotary project. Tempting Taste II is the fundraiser that supports this effort. It is a fun event to be held May 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Fogelsville. Eight to ten restaurants/caterers will be represented, supplying tasty samples. See or contact Sue Weber for information or tickets. 610-967-2964.



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church

Summer camping opportunities for the young people of our congregation from 3rd through 12<sup>th</sup> grade!



Register at:

[www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://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



### 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.



The process of joining with us in Christ is a simple one intended to share information about the Lord's ministry and people of Jordan, and basic Lutheran understandings.

The process involves a commitment to participate in a two-hour session on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be provided. The following Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, we hope you will participate in a worship service which will be a time of joyful reception of you into an official association with Jordan Lutheran Church.

If you are interested in finding out more about membership at Jordan or have already decided to join us, we look forward to seeing you on **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11:45 a.m. -- 1:45 p.m.** in Classroom 2 & 3 (at the end of the hallway, on the right, across from the Pastor's office). Please contact the church office if you intend to be at this meeting, or if you want to join the congregation but cannot make this meeting.

**Fifth Annual Bike-A-Thon for World Hunger:** Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9am – 1pm at the Bob Rodale Cycling & Fitness Park in Trexlertown. This annual event is sponsored by the Northeastern PA Synod to raise money for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. By getting sponsors you raise money to send to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. You can participate by riding a bike, walking, jogging, rollerblading, or whatever way you are mobile. Dogs are allowed, too, and children are most welcome as well. Registration materials are available from the church office. Please note: every participant **MUST** have an individual registration form and signed release in order to participate. Those under 18 years must have a parent/guardian signature.



## Thank You

### Easter Thank You

Another Easter has come and gone, and with it our usual job of hundreds of bulletins is complete! It gets a little crazy and we are thankful to these volunteers for being here to get it done: Dave & Carol Ludwig, Althea Hahn, Herb & Anna Bieber, Judy Grim, Howard & Shirley Schneider.

*A big thank you to Pr. Grube, Jan Kistler, Marlene Peters and Greg Grove for coordinating bulletin information!*

### Brown Bag Bible Study

Pr. Grube is willing to hold the Ephesians Bible Study on Wednesdays during the day from 12:00 - 1:30 ... *if there are at least eight people who sign up.* Bring your own lunch. Please call the church office if you are interested. Starting date to be determined.



These young people have expressed their desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's Table. They have been instructed how, in sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again on that first Easter Day, and how eating the bread and drinking the wine makes us one with him and brings us closer to each other. And so, on Maundy Thursday, they received their First Communion: Ava Collins, Braden Greenawald, Lucas Heberling, and Joshua Heller.

***Welcome to the Lord's Table!***

### Pantry

Please mark your calendars. We will again be receiving food items donated through the Orefield Post office. Please meet at 3:00 on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, to sort and shelve the donated items.

### A little Stewardship humor:

A notorious gambler offered to donate \$1000 to a church project for the homeless. The offer greatly upset a church elder. She confronted the pastor: "We can't take his money. It's the devil's money."

"If that's the case," the pastor replied calmly, "the devil has had his hands on it long enough. Now let's see what God can do with it."



### Tri-Cees Spring Concert

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8 p.m. at Lehigh Carbon Community College, in the Scheller-Woodman Community Services Center Ballroom. No charge – but donations for Second Harvest Food Bank and Tri-Cees are gratefully accepted! Several Jordan members sing with this group.



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

**Saucon Valley Manor:** Elizabeth Fritch

**LutherCrest:** Jean Lee

**Manor Care:** Peg Smith

**Fellowship Manor:** Florence & Nevin Roth

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

**Mosser:** Marion Whitner

**Kirkland Village:** Jane Koch

**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, Michael Lacko, John Weremedic, Linda Grantz, Roy Hahn, Joseph Radocha, Judy Grim



**MAY Birthdays**

- May 1: Alexis Marsteller, Emily Rakos
- May 5: Elsie Schey, Ryleigh Wechsler, Donna Leinberger, Diane Williams
- May 6: Michael Boscia, Nicole Brennan, Richard Grammes\*
- May 7: Paulette Bassler, Debra Bzik, Orville Freitag, Elizabeth Gross, Jay Slaughenhaupt
- May 8: Mary Ann Dollak, Eva Panettiere, Logan Vehovic
- May 9: Jenny Hartz, Michele Kozy, Dorothy Ruth
- May 10: Elizabeth Habermehl
- May 11: Elwood Laudenslager, Karen Paul, Ian Tough
- May 12: Kayleigh Christianson, Jean Roth, Greg Stout
- May 13: Doug Fay, Tim Kocher
- May 14: Herb Hullinger, Rachel Peters
- May 15: Dylan Dufour, Scott Jensen
- May 16: Tom Epting, Drew Kessler
- May 17: Fran Damminger, David Daniel, Christiane Heilman, Joan Heller
- May 18: Stephanie Jarecke
- May 19: Terry Christianson, Kay Mancke
- May 21: Dylan Krueger, Julia Krueger
- May 22: Scott Gaugler, Ken Gross, Erich Hamil, Samantha McNemar, Terri Smoyer
- May 24: Dennis Borst, Jocelyn Kessler, Dalton Schaadt
- May 25: Brittany Hamm, John Meyer
- May 27: Jennifer Adam, Laura Sandrock, Keely Schofield
- May 28: Samantha Bissey, Susan Szczepanski
- May 29: Paige Steckel, Makenzie Wechsler
- May 31: Ronald Geiger, Ted Mayo

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



**MAY Anniversaries**

- May 5, 1951: Lucille & Elwood Laudenslager
- May 17, 1958: Shirley & Ray Hamm
- May 16, 1959: Betty & Jim Myers
- May 11, 1963: Sharon & Ronald Andersch
- May 16, 1970: Kathleen & Richard Bacak
- May 1, 1971: Donna & Larry Hahn
- May 28, 1977: Lynn & Tom Daniels
- May 16, 1981: Margaret & Ron Crane
- May 16, 1981: Denise & Randy Klinefelter
- May 10, 1986: Diane & Kenneth Benner
- May 7, 1988: Sarah & Ken Gross
- May 7, 1988: Michele & Dean Wagaman
- May 24, 1991: John & Deborah Wolf
- May 13, 1995: Susan & Michael Wertman
- May 27, 1995: Tammy & Mark Krueger
- May 23, 1998: Kristin & Matthew Hlay
- May 6, 2000: Jamie & Brian Edelman
- May 5, 2001: Louise & Bruce Stettler
- May 26, 2002: Jane & Ray Suhocki
- May 19, 2003: Liz & Todd Heller
- May 24, 2003: Jennifer Adam & Matthew Herman
- May 12, 2012: Sara & Richard Serensits