



June, 2016

From your pastor...

CELEBRATING GOD

The major seasons of celebrating God have already been experienced according to the church year. The birth of Jesus, Lent, Resurrection and the day of Pentecost are all special seasons of the church year that naturally lend themselves to celebrating the major activities of God in behalf of the human creation.

The church year now takes us to the season of Pentecost, the season of the church year that is involved in the working out of what those major God events mean in the everyday life of faith. How are the ordinary lives we lead, shaped by these major God events? Do these major God events make a difference in how we work, play and relate to one another in the Family of Faith and in the community in which we live?

Perhaps the major question of the Pentecost season for each of us is, "Where have I seen God active in my life or in the life of another person today?" It is only as we see God active in the common place, in the everyday, in the ordinary activities of life and its living that we have a reason to celebrate God.

Every morning as I survey my garden I see God active as the seeds and plants grow and mature. Oh, yes, I sometimes wish that God would focus his creative activity on the things that I have planted and a little less creative activity on the weeds. But I try to remember that if the things that I do not want in my garden (the weeds) do not grow, then the things that I have planted and want in my garden will not grow either. So I celebrate God's creative activity on my behalf.

It becomes my responsibility, then, to cultivate, nourish, and care for the things that I want to grow in my garden and to eliminate what I do not want. I see my garden as a sort of parable of life.

In this Pentecost season, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we see God active in helping us root out the weeds of our lives, the activities that build walls between ourselves and God, the things that would draw us away from God, and that which God desires us to be and do.

Worship, prayer, daily devotions, and the study of God's Word are all activities that cultivate, nurture and encourage the growth of what God desires in each of us as his children and followers of his Son, and assists us in rooting out that which is undesirable, builds wall between ourselves and God, and inhibits growth in faith and hope.

Celebrate God!! Yes, certainly on those special days. But, perhaps it is even more important to celebrate God in the ordinary and the mundane. I believe Celebrating God begins with the question, "Where have I seen God active in my life or in the life of another person today?" That allows us to CELEBRATE GOD every day.

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

In Christ,

Pastor Grube

From the Council President...

Life-long learning is definitely a goal for me – probably something I learned from my parents. It could be something small, like trying to figure out why my pepper plants only produce one pepper (while my tomatoes seem to produce 900!). Or it could be something big, like trying to figure out the best ways to include all the people of Jordan in the pastoral call process. I hope you have been learning something through this process, because the Call Committee and I have been working hard to keep you informed.

My most recent learning experience has been working on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). You may recall we asked you to complete a survey about a month ago of the “Top 5 Ministry Tasks”. This is, I feel, one of the most important sections of the MSP. It will allow us to clearly communicate with the pastoral candidates what is important to Jordan. I tabulated the responses from the 123 members who completed the survey and would like to share the top 5 with you, as well as the number of responses.

1. Preaching/Worship Leadership – 97
2. Youth & Family Ministry – 61
3. Pastoral Care & Visitation – 57
4. Spiritual Formation/Direction – 53
5. Children’s Ministry – 49

Here’s another top 5 list that may help you learn something else about Jordan. We compiled this list called “Gifts for Ministry” to identify gifts/skills/characteristics the pastoral candidate will need to bring to Jordan. Note – these are not ranked.

1. Help people develop their spiritual life.
2. Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works.
3. Be an effective communicator.
4. Be effective in working with youth.
5. Be able to share leadership and work in a team.

Consider these words from Proverbs 2:6-10. “For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.”

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Kevin Murphy

Terrie Weidman

John Weremedic

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 2016

Third Sunday after Pentecost (6/5)

8:00 – WOV Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (6/12)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (6/19)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (6/26)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – WOV Worship Service



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Sexton: Ann Kline

DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE

256

2016 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 6/5, 12, 19, 26; 7/3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 8/14, 21, 28; 9/4; 10/2, 16, 23, 30

Pulpit Flowers: 6/5, 12, 26; 7/3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 8/14, 21, 28; 9/4, 11, 25' 10/2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Judy Murphy, Bonnie Albright
Louise Stettler, Jenny Hartz

Lectors

Ted DuBois, Nancy Steltz, Tammy Klotz,
Andrea Russell, Shirley Miller, Dave
Mancke, Carolyn Flemish, Shirley
Schneider, Shirley Schleicher, Barbara
Godshall

Ushers

Julie Boyer, Rich Boyer, Shirley Miller,
Bill Lutterschmidt, Mike Wertman, Gary
Schneck, Darrell Correll, Amber
Kerschner

Bell Tollers

Bill Lutterschmidt, Bruce Stettler, Sandie
Hamil, Mike Wertman, Dan Stark, Rich
Albright, Rich Boyer

Acolytes

Charlotte Horn, Dominick DiMaggio,
Kelsey Ream, Summer Kozy, Gavin
Russell, Grace Martz-Shelton, Aiden
Pitts

Communion Assistants

Donna Stark, Carol Ludwig, Shelly
Wagaman, Jamie Edelman, Lynn
Daniels, Ken Gross, Carolyn Flemish

“Go confidently in the
direction of your
dreams and live the life
you imagined.”
-Thoreau



**Bell Toller Schedule
for June**

June 5th

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

June 12th

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

June 19th

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

June 26th

8:00 – Rich Boyer
10:30 – AJ Wertman

Treasurer’s Report for April 2016

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Operating Income	\$22,524.21	\$104,250.84
Benevolence	1,531.00	6,434.50
Property	2,710.00	11,244.26
Debt Reduction	00.00	00.00
Total Income	\$26,765.21	\$121,929.60
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 6,644.35
Ministries	2,833.85	7,337.29
Payroll	17,719.90	62,378.30
Property	13,048.77	32,299.38
Benevolence	2,366.67	10,328.68
Total Expenses	\$37,269.63	\$118,988.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$10,504.42)	\$ 2,941.60

Shut-In of the Month

Each month we will be asking the congregation to send a little card or note to one of our shut-ins to remind them they are not forgotten. For June:

Mrs. Jean Lee
LutherCrest
800 Hausman Road, Apt. 367
Allentown PA 18104



Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 19th – Pantry Day

We are hoping for your donations of cereal this month to help fill the pantry shelves!

With this newsletter please find the lengthy article in the “The Parish Paper,” entitled, “How Do New People Hear About Your Church?” It says some important things about how people find a new congregation and ways in which a congregation might proceed to attract new members. Please take the time to read it and consider how you might be involved in bringing in new members to this family of faith that is focused on Christ.

The article is included with the paper copy of the newsletter and is in the form of an attachment if you receive the newsletter electronically.

Pr. Grube

Stewardship Moment

If a steward is one who manages another’s property, finances, or other affairs, then stewardship is simply the manner in which one goes about being a steward: i.e. how one goes about managing and caring for the property, finances, or other affairs of the person who owns those things.

Second, if we believe Genesis chapters 1 and 2, that God created the earth and all that is in it, and has placed the human creation on the earth to care for it and all that is in and on it, then every human being on the face of the earth is a steward and practices stewardship.

It follows then that it makes no difference whether one is a Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu, agnostic, secularist or non-believer, one is still a steward and practices stewardship.

The question then is never, “Are you a steward?”, but rather, the question is “What kind of steward are you?”

One may be a good steward or a lousy steward or anywhere in between those two extremes. But, regardless to how well we do or do not do in terms of managing and caring for the property, finances, and other affairs of God, every human being on the face of the earth practices stewardship.



Redner’s Sav-A-Tape

Don’t forget to enroll in the Sav-A-Tape program when you shop at Redner’s and place your cash register receipts in the collection box in the Memory Room. Redner’s donates a percentage of these purchases to organizations – Jordan uses theirs to help defray costs of holding the Craft Fair. ***You must be enrolled in the program and the tape must say “Save-A-Tape” in order to get the donation.***



We welcome into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism **Sadie Elizabeth Belnoski**, daughter of Megan Grim & Randy Belnoski on April 24, 2016

Attention Graduates!

We want to celebrate your achievements in the July/August newsletter. Use the form below to tell us a little about yourself, your accomplishments and future plans. This is for high school, college, or any other school! **Please return to the church office no later than June 15th.**

Name:

Parents:

School:

Degree:

Special Awards/Accomplishment: *(if there are many, please list the two or three you are most proud of!)*

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Future Plans:

Thank You

A sincere thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and flowers sent during my recent illness. Thanks to Lynn and the Altar Guild Team for graciously taking over the April duties for me.

In Christian love, Judy Grim

To Pr. Grube and the congregation of Jordan Lutheran Church, Thank you so very much for the beautiful confirmation service today, and for all the lovely gifts. My Lexy just loved the bracelet and never took it off of her all day. Thank you for welcoming us into God's house with open arms, and we hope to continue to worship our Lord and Savior at Jordan for many years to come.
Ron, Alyssia & Alexa Wechsler

A quick note to thank you for hosting this year's Community Resource fair on April 23rd. I am grateful that Jordan was open to serving as host when our previous venue of the last three years informed me that they were not interested in having the event at their facility this year.

I hope that you were able to see what a valuable community event the resource fair is and that you can take some pride in making the event possible this spring by making your building available.

Thank you for being a great partner with the Parkland School District and the children and families that we serve.

Sincerely, Diane Joy Irish, LSW, Home & School Visitor

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



Bear Creek Camp

(our Lutheran church camp near Wilkes Barre)

570-472-3741

Register at: www.bearcreekcamp.org

There's still time to register! The Endowment Committee offers ½ scholarship to Jordan members!



The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Michael A. Lacko**, 52, who died on May 14th, after a lengthy illness. Our condolences to his son, Matthew, mother, Dorothea Lacko, brother, Eric, and former wife, Annette Kressly Lacko. A private service was held last Wednesday. Please remember Mike and his loved ones in your prayers.

June Council Highlights

- The Personnel Committee & Council have approved the hiring of Neil Chaban as organist/choir director, beginning 7/1.
- Celebrate & Connect will be held the last Saturday of the month (May thru August) at 4:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room.
- Karen Boardman approved for 3-year-term on Mutual Ministry Committee.
- Pastor Gade will handle emergencies during Pastor Grube's vacation.

Pericope Study

Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The "pericopes" are the assigned scriptures from the three year lectionary assigned to a particular Sunday. We will be studying the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday so you can attend anytime you are able, the study is not continuous. Meet in Classroom 7/8 across from the Pastor's Office. Bring your Bible.



A note from the Call Committee:

We have finished the MSP (the Ministry Site Profile) which is the document that is submitted to the Synod to begin the search for a pastoral candidate. The information that you have shared with us through our surveys has been included in it. The MSP will be available for prayerful review in the Memory Room for a two-week period, **the weeks of Sunday 6.5.16 - Sunday 6.12.16**. If you are not able to be at church during those two weeks, please contact Monica in the church office for a copy. Please email feedback about the MSP to the church office, jordanlutheran@verizon.net, and ask for it to be placed in our mailbox. The deadline for feedback is Sunday 6.19.16.

We sincerely thank you for your support and prayers.

Dan, Andrea, Mike, Mia, Karl, and Ingrid



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

Saucon Valley Manor: Elizabeth Fritch

LutherCrest: Jean Lee

Fellowship Manor: Florence & Nevin Roth

Manor Care: Peg Smith

Kirkland Village: Jane Koch

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, Ray Shuey, Maryann Shuey, Kermit Derr, Ann Heller, Arlene Snyder, Gary Wertman, Dorothy Diehl, Neil Snyder, Lois Heiser



JUNE Birthdays

- 1: Marci Barr
- 2: Owen Barnett, Allison Roth, Hillary Roth
- 3: Jordan Shiber
- 4: Ronald Keinert
- 5: Judy Murphy, Kyle Stout
- 6: Jessie Greenawald, Kevin Murphy, Barry Ruth, Paul Trainor
- 7: Elaine Geiger, Ryan Kerr, Lucie Laudenslager, Michael Ream, Jr., Florence Roth, Bella Safadi
- 8: Andrew Collins, Linda Grantz
- 9: David Damminger, David Rakos
- 10: Andrew Berdahl, Frank Heston, Aubrey Jarecke, William Lutterschmidt, Lillian Semmel
- 11: Jeanette Bair, Brian Hahn, David Kerr, Peter Shiber
- 13: George Gibbs
- 14: Dale Gogel, Cecelia Heberling, Charlene Slaughenhaupt, Matthew Steckel
- 15: Judith Drey, Nathan Schalter
- 16: Thomas Grantz
- 17: Donald Moore
- 18: Raymond Geiger, Betty Gockley*, Barbara Godshall
- 19: Sarah Bako, Linda Kressley
- 20: Skip Brommer, Mark Dufour
- 21: Jennifer Vehovic
- 22: Sharla Kistler*, Caroline Simock, Alexa Wechsler
- 23: Michael Stofflet
- 24: Gloria Hartzell, Leah Wenhold, Keith Young, Jr.
- 25: Daniel Brunner
- 27: Cathy Sweeney
- 29: Terry Trumbauer
- 30: Carolyn Stettler

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



JUNE Anniversaries

- June 27, 1953: Darwin & Grace Haas
- June 7, 1954: Joan & Ted DuBois
- June 11, 1955: Howard & Shirley Schneider
- June 1, 1957: Donald & Jane Laudenslager
- June 21, 1958: C. David & Barbara Godshall
- June 11, 1960: Carolyn & Joe Flemish
- June 17, 1961: Arlene & Clinton Trumbauer
- June 15, 1968: Nancy & Richard Steltz
- June 29, 1968: Gertrud & Reinhard Knerr
- June 6, 1970: Bonnie & Robert Miller
- June 18, 1977: Bonnie & Richard Albright
- June 9, 1979: Gary & Hope Strobl
- June 6, 1981: Carol & Roger Wendling
- June 14, 1981: Gayle & Wayne Cardoni
- June 20, 1981: John & Karen Boardman
- June 23, 1984: Cindy & Gary Stauffer
- June 24, 1989: Robin & Scott Jensen
- June 30, 1990: Lynn & Ed McDevitt
- June 22, 1991: Darlene & Randy Wenhold
- June 26, 1993: David & Carole Hendricks
- June 14, 1997: Barbara & Deven Knoll
- June 21, 1997: Jonathan & Suzanne Horn
- June 5, 2000: Angela & Frank Heston
- June 2, 2001: Brad & Sara Collins
- June 9, 2001: Judy & Randall Huff
- June 22, 2002: Michele & Richard Kozy
- June 12, 2004: Kristie & Frank Filipovits
- June 17, 2006: Kelly & Richard Kulp
- June 8, 2008: Scott & Terri Smoyer
- June 12, 2010: Denise & Paul Trainor
- June 26, 2011: Lindsay & Michael Turkos

Jordaniers Championship Team



- Terry Christianson
- Mike Cregar
- Donn James
- Joe Rubino, Captain