



July/August, 2016

Some thoughts from your pastor...

IN CHRIST

In Ephesians, Paul makes it very clear that the central issue of the faith is to be found **In Christ**. At least 30 times in the short letter to the Ephesians, Paul uses this phrase **in Christ** or **in him**. It is because of the blood of Christ (the death of Christ on the cross) that every barrier that divides people is broken down and all who are **in Christ** are united into one Family.

Paul expresses this unity **in Christ** in his letter to the Galatians this way: "...for **in Christ** you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were Baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ."

Paul might well have gone one step further in saying that you are also no longer of different nationalities, of races, or colors or any other worldly designation that creates divisions between people. When one is in Christ there is nothing that can create a wall of separation. The unity **in Christ** is a far stronger bond than anything that can create separation.

Summer tends to be a time of relaxation, travel and vacation for a great many people. Where will this summer take you? Into what new territory, place or experience will you find yourself? Keep in mind that whenever or where ever you meet new people, those who are **in Christ** are your brothers and sisters in the Faith, you are one with them. Visit a Christian worshipping community when you are traveling. It can be a very rewarding experience to share in declaring Christ as Lord in a new or different manner.

Norma and I worship in a local congregation as often as our traveling schedule allows. On our last trip we worshipped in a predominantly black congregation. As it turned out there was a misunderstanding in regards to the ordained pastor who was to officiate at the Holy Communion. In conversation they found out that I am an ordained Lutheran Pastor and asked me to officiate at the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It was for me a neat experience and after worship we were invited to the home of one of the parishioners for lunch and a very pleasant few hours of fellowship. When you are **in Christ** it makes all the difference in the world.

Remember to carry Christ with you during your summer travels. Let it show that you are **in Christ**.

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In Christ,

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
July/August 2016

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (7/3)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (7/10)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (7/17)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – VBS Closing Worship (Family Center)

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (7/24)

8:00 – With One Voice Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

7/30 at 4:30 pm – Celebrate & Connect Contemporary Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (7/31)

8:00 & 10:30 – ELW Service of the Word

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (8/7)

8:00 -- WOV Worship Service

10:30 – GIA Worship Service w/communion

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (8/14)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/communion

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (8/21)

8:00 & 10:30 – Worship Experience

with Cring & Clazzy

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (8/28)

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

8/27 at 4:30 pm – Celebrate & Connect Contemporary Worship

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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Cherub Choir: Marlene Peters

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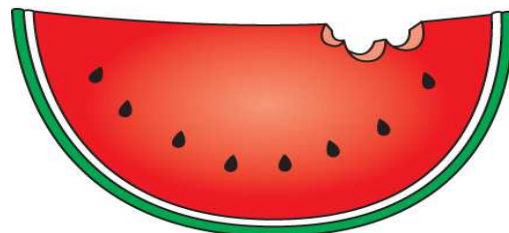
DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

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WELCOME SUMMER!

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

Altar Guild

Cindy Stauffer, Barbara Kreidler,
Beth Kroboth

Lectors

Tammy Klotz, Lee Kreidler, Andrea Russell, Louise Stettler, Shirley Schleicher, Ulla Martz, Ted Du7Bois, Julie Boscia

Ushers

Rich & Bonnie Albright, Dave & Carol Rabenold, Lee Kreidler, Bill Hendricks, Jeff Berdahl, John Weremedic

Bell Tollers

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

Acolytes

Erin Klotz, Kelsey Ream, Kyle Heston, Logan Edelman, Anna Benner, Summer Kozy, Michael Boscia

Communion Assistants

Marlene Peters, Karen Boardman, Jamie Edelman, Carolyn Flemish

Pantry

July 17 is Canned Fruit Sunday
August 21 is Pasta Sunday

Your donations of these items are much appreciated!!

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

— John Steinbeck



Bell Toller Schedule for July

July 3rd

8:00 – Rich Albright
10:30 – Mike Wertman

July 10th

8:00 – Sandie Hamil
10:30 – Chris Boscia

July 17th

8:00 – Bill Lutterschmidt
10:30 – VBS Service

July 24th

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

July 31st

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

Check the Sunday bulletins for the August schedule.

A message from Monica: The church office will be closed Monday, July 4th, for the Independence Day holiday.

I will be out of the office July 5th through 8th, returning Monday, July 11th. Any church business that can wait for my return would be much appreciated. Volunteers will be taking phone calls/messages between 10 am and 2 pm each day if you have an urgent matter or need to get in touch with the pastor.



Members who need a ride to church, appointments, etc. can call the church office for a list of members who can assist with this.

Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mark the date!

July 17th

VBS Worship at 10:30

August 21st

Worship Service with Cring & Clazzy

567 Go Tell It From the Mount

June Council Highlights

- 2015 audit need to be done
- Approved meeting space for new AA Group
- Tom & Lynn Daniels to head Music & Worship
- Amber Kerschner & Julie Boyer will coordinate VBS
- Glenn Hahn & Lori Hamm will chair Craft Fair
- Two new members to be received June 26th
- No quorum so absent members sent email votes

Stewardship Moment

"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people are happy amidst the simple beauty of nature.I firmly believe that nature brings solace to all troubles." (Ann Frank)

We have been given stewardship of our planet and domination of the plants and animals. We should turn desert into fertile grounds and gardens, not into concrete deserts.

Treasurer's Report for May 2016

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Operating Income	\$23,278.27	\$127,529.11
Benevolence	1,752.50	8,187.00
Property	3,1438.50	14,382.76
Debt Reduction	-----	-----
Total Income	\$28,169.27	\$150,098.87
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$ 2,055.43	\$ 8,699.78
Ministries	991.27	8,328.56
Payroll	17,017.64	79,395.94
Property	5,825.82	38,125.20
Benevolence	2,366.67	12,695.35
Total Expenses	\$28,256.83	\$147,244.83
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$87.56)	(\$2,854.04)



We just would like to say thank you for the flowers, phone calls and prayers.

Prayers always, Arlene & Neil Snyder

Thank you for the cards, phone calls and the meal prepared for us during my fall. Thank you for my chauffeurs to my therapy sessions. We still had our coffee and refreshments following the service and I want to thank you for your help.

In Christian love, Shirley A. Schleicher

Many thanks to Daisy Troop #6926 and their leader, Roberta Wilcox, for collecting and donating food for the Food Pantry. The girls did a great job and those who receive the food are very thankful!



"You're young and you're bulletproof and invincible. But never underestimate the power of other people's love and prayer."

Tony Snow

Elizabeth Gross earned her Master's Degree in Political Science from Lehigh University. She was a member of Dobro Slovo (National Slavic Honor Society) and the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Russian Club. Elizabeth is the daughter of Ken and Sally Gross and plans to pursue a career in international security consulting.

Amelia Jensen, daughter of Scott and Robin Jensen, graduated from Parkland High School. She was on the softball team and is currently a member of Jordan's church council and call committee. She will be attending LCCC.

**May God bless all our Jordan graduates.
Our love and prayers go with you!**

Grace and Peace in Christ,

My name is Neil Chaban, and I will be serving as the new organist at Jordan Lutheran beginning early July. I am originally from the main line area (Downingtown). My faith journey began there when I was in high school, where a friend asked me to show up and help with music. In a few months, I was ready to call the Lutheran church my home.

I continued my musical studies at West Chester University, where I earned a degree in Music Education with a concentration in Piano. I minored in Pipe Organ and Voice. While studying at West Chester, I served in the Lutheran Church, the Unitarian Universalist Church, and the United Methodist Church. During the day, I taught Middle School Chorus in Upper Darby School District. In the summer of 2014, I was offered a vocal/piano job at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts. This meant leaving the greater West Chester Area and moving north to Bethlehem. At Charter Arts, I specialize in teaching sight singing, music theory, and piano. Other major projects include directing the musical, accompanying the vocal department, and designing college based curriculum for the high school aged students. I began work at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church where I served as Organist and Choirmaster when I moved to Bethlehem. It has been a whirlwind two years since moving to this area, but I am having the time of my life pursuing my passion for education and sacred music.



I am very excited to begin work at Jordan Lutheran in early July! I am impressed already by the welcoming staff and members. The choir has such a beautiful sound, I cannot wait to make music together in the upcoming years. During this transition period, I am looking forward to meeting many congregants. Please introduce yourself at Worship or by e-mail. I look forward to experiencing music, worship, and fellowship together!



Sincerely,
Neil Chaban

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



Saucon Valley Manor: Elizabeth Fritch

Fellowship Manor: Florence & Nevin Roth

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, Ray Shuey, Maryann Shuey, Kermit Derr, Ann Heller, Arlene Snyder, Gary Wertman, Lois Heiser, Neil Snyder, LaRue Wuchter, Melvin Rau, Robert Jones, Jon, Karen

LutherCrest: Jean Lee

Manor Care: Peg Smith

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



JULY Birthdays

- 1: Sara Collins, Alice Wright
- 2: Emma Haught
- 4: Harry Rock
- 6: Dianne Benner
- 7: Alexandra Heckman
- 8: John Hivizdak, Jr., Janet Stettler
- 9: Karla Gaugler
- 10: Carol J. Kuhns
- 11: Terry Crouthamel, Janice Meyer, Brian Tom
- 12: Ashley Keller, Annette Lacko, Julie Wagaman
- 13: Elena Panettiere, Kelsey Ream
- 14: Philip Heberling
- 15: Jenny Barr, Joseph DiMaggio, Kalli Kohlbrenner
- 16: Amber Kerschner, Jennifer Szoldatits, Joseph Welsh
- 18: Gayllyn Faust-Rakos, Andrew Grim, Carl Hoffman, Lucille Laudenslager, Douglas Leonzi, Arlene Snyder
- 19: Dale Greenawald, Bonnie Miller, Doug Shortell
- 20: Lauren Bako, Kevin Borst, Reed Klotz, Savannah Smoyer
- 21: Joshua Heller, Jenna Leonzi
- 22: Herbert Bieber, Sandra Daniels, Alexander Silvonek
- 23: Gayle Cardoni, Jean Perry
- 24: Terry Gannon, Erik Martino, Ryan Martino, Kelley Stout
- 25: Drew Gaugler, Ruth Kemp, Dan Stark
- 26: Joseph Marsteller
- 27: Ella Collins, Barbara Thirion, Tom Ward
- 29: Emily Boger, Jennifer Helmuth, Michael Ream, Sr., Carla Richebacher, Kevin Wikert
- 30: Addison Jarecke
- 31: Nancy Haas, Adam Hager



JULY Anniversaries

- July 20, 1946: Florence & Nevin Roth
- July 12, 1951: Ruth & Harry Kemp
- July 13, 1957: Joanne & John Hemmis
- July 17, 1971: Carol & Willis Kuhns
- July 1, 1979: Terry & Vickie Christianson
- July 23, 1983: Carol & Kermit Derr
- July 12, 1985: Arlene & Neil Snyder
- July 9, 1988: Marlene & Ronald Keinert
- July 1, 1989: Lori & Doug Shortell
- July 11, 1992: Christine & John Hivizdak
- July 5, 1996: Wendy & Gerald Schalter
- July 4, 1998: Tracy & Philip Heberling
- July 22, 2000: Desiree & Fred Safadi
- July 6, 2002: Stephanie & Jeremiah Jarecke
- July 27, 2002: Melissa & Matthew Greenawald
- July 21, 2004: Ingrid Martz & Matthew Shelton
- July 9, 2005: Amy & Jason Barnett
- July 2, 2011: Courtney & Michael Christianson

Our shut ins of the month are:

for July

LaVonne Gingerich
4258 Briarcliff Road
Allentown PA 18104

for August

Jane Koch
203 Kirkland Village Cir
Bethlehem PA 18017

Please send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten!



AUGUST Birthdays

- 1: Braden Grim, Nicholas Grim, Loretta Hein, Shirley Schleicher
- 2: Clarence Hoffman
- 3: David Adam, Donald Werley
- 4: Julianna Boyer, Leroy Dollak
- 6: Erik Posegay
- 7: Austin Kessler, Jackson Kessler, Michael Wertman, Jazlyn White
- 8: Ali Marsteller, Michael Tom
- 10: Logan Edelman, Judy Grim, Jean Lee*
- 11: Tracy Heberling, Reese Hoffman, Caleb Kulp
- 12: Alicia Hivizdak, Raymond Nunn, Linda Posegay, William Weber
- 13: Woody Haas, Jan Kistler
- 14: Jonathan Horn, Rebecca Peters, Richard Seltzer
- 15: Jenna Strobl
- 16: Ilabelle Dietrich, Donna Hahn, Austin Knoll, Chelsea Laudenslager, Alexandra McDevitt
- 17: Karl Kroboth
- 18: Merle Cydis, Barbara Diehl, Charles Fox, Carole Lutte, Jennifer Seidel, Lucas Vehovic
- 19: Kevin Gill
- 20: Dylan Edelman, Winifred Fenstermaker
- 21: Richard Albright, Lawrence Wertman
- 23: Sarah Gross, Calvin Kulp, Ingrid Martz, Kelly McNemar
- 25: Pat Dalrymple, Earl Williams, Sr.
- 16: Marvin Mantz, Mary Ann Sandrock
- 27: Donald Ross, Deborah Wolf
- 28: Bret Talley
- 29: Mackenzie Brezack, William Kroboth
- 30: Glenn Hahn, Mary Rock, Carl Roth, Judy White
- 31: Kathleen Kerr, Donald Peters

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



AUGUST Anniversaries

- August 12, 1945: Anna & Roy Hahn
August 14, 1954: Anna & Herbert Bieber
August 20, 1955: Loretta & George Hein
August 29, 1959: Joyce & Kurt Oertner
August 20, 1960: Barbara & Lee Kreidler
August 24, 1963: Gretchen & Jim Wagner
August 7, 1965: Sue & Bill Weber
August 7, 1971: Pat & Russ Dalrymple
August 5, 1972: Ruth Ann & Dennis Borst
August 19, 1972: Nancy & Allen Marsteller
August 11, 1973: Carol & Barry Nagle
August 18, 1973: Carla & John Richebacher
August 2, 1975: Debra & Dennis Barr
August 10, 1975: Donna & John Talley
August 21, 1982: Cindy & Tom Ward
August 18, 1984: Barbara & John Diehl
August 20, 1985: Velma & George Kistler
August 31, 1985: Barbara & George Gibbs
August 5, 1988: Fran & Dave Dammingier
August 15, 1992: Catherine & Mark Dufour
August 21, 1993: Patricia & Steven Budlong
August 20, 1994: Lori & Richard Semmel
August 30, 1994: Susan & Thomas Szczepanski
August 26, 1995: Leslie & Ted Mayo
August 22, 1997: Susan & Raymond Nunn
August 14, 1999: Ali & Paul Marsteller
August 14, 1999: Alyssia & Ronald Wechsler
August 3, 2002: Jennifer & Brian Seidel
August 21, 2004: Jennifer & Chris Helmuth
August 13, 2005: Amber & Michael Kerschner
August 28, 2007: Amanda & Kevin Schuler
August 28, 2010: Jill & Anthony Fay



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