



October, 2016

Some thoughts from your pastor...

Chicago – Eight days of touring, really a beautiful city, flowers, greenery, trees are everywhere. Even in front of the skyscrapers, there are flower boxes filled with flowers and greenery.

The view from the 110th floor of the Willis building (formerly the Sears Tower) in the darkness of the night is a spectacular sight. It appears one can see forever the lights of the city, with a constant trail of miniature vehicles snaking their way into and through the city.

On one of our tours of the city, we were shown one of the skyscrapers whose base is considerably smaller than the building above it. We were told that is called a cantilever style of construction. On the roof are large tanks holding thousands of gallons of water that serve as a sort of ballast against the winds that rock the building due to the fact that the winds are much stronger at that height.

The city is clean. One sees no dirt, clutter or trash lying around anywhere that we toured. It was all spectacular in comparison to the image I had of the city of Chicago. It spoke of human ingenuity, inventiveness and ability. It represents the best of what humans are and can do. In contrast, our step-on guide then took us into the neighborhood where Al Capone and other violent gangsters were raised and essentially controlled the city of Chicago during the period of prohibition. It was a murderous time, filled with betrayal and deceit. It was a time that pitted one ethnic group against other ethnic group over control of alcohol and the illegal money it made.

But of course, that time has passed. Things are much different now – except they really are not.

Our step-on guide informed us that we could not go into the Kensington area of the city even in daylight, a fact which our very capable bus driver later confirmed. Our step-on guide said, “I would like for each of you to go home with a souvenir of Chicago, but if we went through Kensington you would be going home with bullet holes for souvenirs.” The issue is no longer alcohol, but all sort of other drugs, gang territory control, and simple hatred of rival gangs. We toured another section of the city where both driver and guide indicated they would not be found after dark.

So, what does all this have to do with a pastor’s article in Jordan Lutheran’s newsletter? As I toured, listened and watched, I was reminded of the preacher in Ecclesiastes who said, “Everything that happens has happened before; nothing is new, nothing under the sun.” The struggle of good and evil in the very first words of scripture continues to march on into the present. It takes on new shapes, expressions, situations and even conditions, but it is essentially the same old fight.

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

The human desires of envy, greed, control, pride, position and aggrandizement continues unabated. The story of Adam and Eve and their disobedience of a very simple command, “Do not eat of the tree in the center of the garden,” hung in my mind like a burr. The impact of that simple act of disobedience infects the heart and mind of every person today in our individual relationships and can be seen clearly as a cosmic

expression in the city of Chicago.

The stories of the likes of Al Capone and his kind during the '20's reminded me of the cheating and deceit of Jacob and Essau. It also reminded me of the murder of Abel by Cain in order to gain advantage before God.

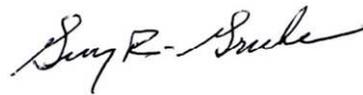
I could go on with many other Biblical examples that reflect our lives and situation today, however, I have already spilled too much ink on the pastor's newsletter page!

Suffice it to say that the human story of our relationship with God and with one another is an ancient story. The story of good and evil in our day may take different shapes, expressions, situations and conditions, whether it be in Chicago, Orefield, or even Jordan Lutheran Church, but in its essence it remains the same story.

Need we wonder why it is that God found it essential to send his Son into the world to live the human expression of life, but to do so in total obedience, and to die an excruciating death so that we might be forgiven for our deliberate acts of disobedience?

Love one another, be kind to one another and be at peace with one another.

In Christ,



From the Council President...

Are you looking for a new project? Do you want to get involved but don't know how or with what? Do you have a desire to try something new? Do you have a few hours of spare time during the month? I think every one of us can answer yes to at least one of those questions.

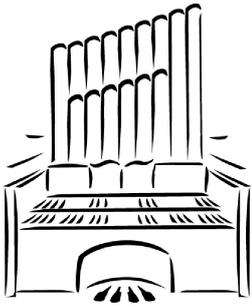
Please consider one of these ways that God may be calling you to assist Jordan.

1. Serve as an usher – you can choose which weeks fit your schedule (it doesn't need to be the whole month)
2. Serve on Altar Guild or as a Communion Assistant – there are 52 Sundays available!
3. Organize a youth group activity – ideas are already set for each month through May – see Jamie for more details
4. Join a committee – there are 6 committees that meet regularly throughout the year & all could use an extra set of hands with some new thoughts – contact me or the chairperson of Christian Education, Finance, Outreach, Property, Stewardship or Worship & Music
5. Occasional office help for Monica
6. Reach out to our homebound members – send a card or make a call
7. Send a card to another member – birthday, anniversary, get well or just thinking of you
8. Help with a seasonal project (ex. Help decorate for Christmas)

I think you'll agree that a lot of these ideas don't require any special skills. We all have talents that we can share and sometimes your time is the best gift of all. The continued success of Jordan's mission and ministry depends on personal contributions from all members (no, I'm not branching out into Stewardship – they've got their own campaign for the Fall). I ask you to prayerfully consider one or two ways you can answer God's call.

Julie Boscia

Council President



A from our Organist

My name is Neil Chaban, and I am the new Organist/Choir Director here at Jordan Lutheran.

As I began my employment here, it became important to research the rich tradition of liturgy in our Worship. Lutherans sing the story of Christ each week through paraphrased settings: *Kyrie*, *Glory to God in the Highest*, *Alleluia*, and others. In congregations around the country, these same texts are celebrated in an extensive variety of musical styles and settings. Here at Jordan, we celebrate The Word and Meal with three settings: ELW (This is the Feast, Lamb of God, Create in me a Clean Heart...), WOV (With one Voice... containing Salvation Belongs to Our God, Word of Life Jesus Christ...) and GIA (Now the Feast and Celebration, Cantor led). In 2006, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) published the extensive hymnal “Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). This comprehensive resource contains almost fifteen musical settings of Holy Communion. These settings vary in musical style, age, and language (one setting is in Spanish!). This hymnal contains the ELW, WOV, and GIA settings this congregation sings with such power each Sunday. It even contains the service many of you might remember from “Service Book and Hymnal” which sits in our pews.

Since we publish our bulletins each week, we have the unique opportunity to sing hymns, liturgy, and service music from any source. *So why are we singing a new setting of our Liturgy this fall?*

One of the first pieces I learned to play on organ was from the Lutheran Liturgy, “This is the Feast of Victory”. The triumph of Christ is echoed amongst the rhythm and shape of this well-known melody. In many protestant churches, the first time this hymn is sung on Easter the church bell rings throughout celebrating the resurrection. In a similar manner, many churches sing the Holden Evening Prayer during Lent- because the stunning marriage between text and music resonates with the penitent season.

My point is that our settings of the liturgy carry profound emotion to the texts and service elements during Worship. *My goal is to match the music’s expressive qualities with the liturgical season.* Beginning this fall we will use settings of the liturgy seasonally, so that the beauty of the liturgical year will reflect with the music surrounding our worship.

The choir will be leading our congregation in the singing of Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting One this fall and winter. The setting is written by three Lutheran composers, and is often sung at Church-wide events because of the frequency it is sung amongst congregations. I have selected the setting because it mirrors the style of traditional worship, putting a refreshing take on many beloved prayers. The “Glory to God” sings the praises of our Savior with bright harmony and melody, while the “Lamb of God” prepares us for an intimate encounter with the Body and Blood of Christ. I am also using familiar elements in the service, such as “Create in Me a Clean Heart”, and “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”. In Lent, we will sing the beloved Holden Evening Prayer and return to the ELW setting at Easter. To clarify, this new liturgy is not *replacing* the others- but rather becoming a part of the rich musical worship patterns of this congregation.

Because the setting is new to this congregation, we will be using various strategies to ease the congregation in this transition. Please join us in singing the settings before the service. I invite you to participate as much as possible in the singing of these settings, listening for the Spirit at work as we collectively sing. Many of the elements carry the same tune (Alleluia, Holy, Christ has Died, Amen), making the tune easily accessible. My number one priority is to encourage congregational singing, through leadership at the Organ and with the Choir. While this new setting will bring the challenge of change, we should also be open to the new possibilities and richness and diversity that may transpire. I hope you will let these new melodies guide your attention to the texts we pray each week, shining meaning and breathing fresh air into our Worship this fall.

Peace in Christ,
Neil Chaban
Organist/Choir Director

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE October 2015

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (10/2)

8:00 – ELW 1 Service

10:30 – ELW 1 Service w/communion

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (10/9)

8:00 – ELW 1 Service w/communion

10:30 – ELW 1 Service

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (10/16)

8:00 – ELW 1 Service

10:30 – ELW 1 Service w/communion

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (10/23)

8:00 – ELW 1 Service w/communion

10:30 – ELW 1 Service

Reformation Sunday (10/30)

8:00 & 10:30 – ELW 1 Service w/communion

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

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DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE - 256

Treasurer's Report for August 2016

	Month	YTD
Income		
Operating Income	\$18,309.94	\$211,135.86
Benevolence	1,360.00	12,724.50
Property	2,513.00	23,097.26
Debt Reduction	-----	-----
Total Income	\$22,182.94	\$246,957.62
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 1,088.16	\$ 12,666.72
Ministries	2,161.82	13,671.60
Payroll	17,627.11	130,084.77
Property	5,194.26	56,972.25
Benevolence	2,366.67	19,795.36
Total Expenses	\$28,438.02	\$233,950.70
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$6,255.08)	\$ 13,006.92

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

Altar Guild

Jane Suhocki, Jenny Hartz, Louise Stettler, Carol Rabenold, Angie Heston, Karen Boardman, Lynn Daniels

Lectors

Carolyn Flemish, Louise Stettler, Shirley Miller, Shirley Schneider, Jenny Barr, Lee Kreidler, Shirley Schleicher, Julie Boscia

Ushers

Rich & Julie Boyer, Shirley Miller, Bill Lutterschmidt, Dale Hahn, Irene Johnson, Judy Grim, Mike Kerschner

Bell Tollers

Rich Albright, Mike Wertman, Dan Stark, Ken Gross, Bill Lutterschmidt, Chris Boscia, Sandie Hamil

Acolytes

Logan Edelman, Dominick DiMaggio, Gavin Russell, Summer Kozy, Michael Boscia

Communion Assistants

Ken Gross, Carolyn Flemish, Jamie Edelman



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**“To be a
Christian
without prayer is
no more possible
than to be alive
without
breathing.”
-Martin Luther**



Stewardship Moment

Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished. Even the rocks, which seem to be dumb and dead as they swelter in the sun along the silent shore, thrill with memories of stirring events connected with the lives of my people, and the very dust upon which you now stand responds lovingly to their footsteps, and our bare feet are conscious of the sympathetic touch.

-Chief Seathl

**Bell Toller Schedule
for October**

October 2nd

8:00 – Russ Dalrymple
9:30 – Bruce Stettler

October 9th

8:00 – Drew Budlong
9:30 – Nick Wertman

October 16th

8:00 – Bill Lutterschmidt
9:30 – Sandie Hamil

October 23rd

8:00 – Russ Dalrymple
9:30 – Mike Wertman

October 30th

8:00 –
10:30 -

Join us for Game Day

on the first and third
Tuesday of each month at
1:30 in the Family Center,
for games, fun, food and
fellowship.



Our Shut-In of the Month
for October is
Edith Walters
340 S. Cedarbrook Ave.
#301
Allentown PA 18104

Please send a card to say hello
and let her know she's not
forgotten!



Fall Craft Fair

Saturday, November 19, 2016

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Over 50 vendors!

Soups, barbeques, pies and other baked goods! (eat in or take out)

Door Prizes!

Meeting of all folks interested in helping with the Craft Fair will be October 12th, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room



Pantry Needs

The Pantry could use plastic shopping bags. Please drop off any time.

One or two people are needed to help with distribution on the third Monday of each month, 8am – 11am. Contact Glenn Hahn if you can help at 610-767-9710.

Extra hands are needed to help sort food from the Boy Scout food drive on Nov. 12th, beginning at 10am until finished. See Glenn or Terry Naugle to sign up.

2016 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 10/2, 16, 23, 30; 11/13, 20, 27; 12/4, 18

Pulpit Flowers: 10/2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 11/13, 27; 12/4, 11, 18

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.

Thank You

We would like to thank the congregation for the cards sent during the summer, flowers from the altar guild, and for the visits by Pastor Grube. All are examples of the caring nature of Jordan Lutheran and were greatly appreciated.

LaVonne & Deb Gingerich



October 16th

Tuna Sunday

Please bring your donations of canned tuna for the Pantry

Counting the days till Christmas? Are you planning your shopping? Thinking about what to bake? Planning your decorations?

Don't forget to plan to be here to help prepare Jordan for the holidays. We will need to:

- Put the trees in church
- Put the lights on the trees
 - Decorate the trees
- Change the candles between Christmas Eve services
- Clean up after the last service on Christmas Eve
- Take everything down after Christmas

Time/dates to be announced



We have gotten a grant from Thrivent for ½ of the funding for our first **God's Work Our Hands** project! The rest of the money to purchase the supplies will come from the Mission Fund. We will be making 25 fleece blankets to give to homeless veterans in the Lehigh Valley. We are inviting all members of the congregation to help make the blankets on the following dates & times.

- Tues. Oct. 18th from 6:30-8PM
- Thurs. Oct. 20th from 1:30-3PM
- Sat. Oct. 22nd from 3-4:30PM

No sewing experience is needed – this will just be measuring, cutting and tying – there is a job for everyone. Meet in Room 8 (across from the Pastor's Office).

A second project will involve help for **St. Stephen's Community Outreach Center at Christ Lutheran**. A list will soon be available for needed items for this after school program for children in grades 1-5.

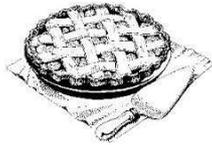
And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Our endowment fund welcomes your gifts! Did you know your annual financial donations to this congregation can continue in perpetuity through a gift to the endowment fund? By supporting the endowment fund you have the opportunity to create a legacy of faith that will positively impact our congregation long after your lifetime. Gifts through our congregation support its mission in the world both today and for generations to come. These funds open new horizons for our congregation to reach even more people with Christ's love, allowing new programs to emerge as needs are made known to future generation. Thank you for helping us plant seeds today that will bear fruits of God's love for future members of our faith community. To learn more about the endowment fund and how your legacy can support its ministry, please contact the church office.

Highlights from September Church Council Meeting

- **Proposal for new website by Killer Interactive approved; prototype available at October meeting**
- **Property Committee wants to have sexton home cleaned/painted; paint Family Center doors, Sunday School foyer**
- **Concern expressed regarding electronic equipment belonging to the church being used off premises; or on premises by non-church groups; develop a form**

2016



Pie Sale

8" Corn pies, 8" or 4" shoofly pies and 8" or 4" apple tarts can be ordered now for pickup after each service Sunday, October 16th! Proceeds will go towards kitchen funds. To order place for in offering plate, send to church office or contact Amber Kerschner at mamjkerschner@yahoo.com or 484-553-6272.

**** Last day to order is October 9th ****

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

8" Corn Pie	_____ x \$10.00 = _____
8" Shoofly Pie	_____ x \$ 8.00 = _____
4" Shoofly Pie	_____ x \$ 4.00 = _____
8" Apple Tart	_____ x \$ 8.00 = _____
4" Apple Tart	_____ x \$ 4.00 = _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Administrator use only
PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF PICK-UP
CASH _____ CHECK# _____



All Saints Remembrance

Sunday, November 6, 2016

If you have someone you would like to include in the prayers (a friend, relative, etc.) who is not a member of Jordan and has died since October 31, 2015 please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office (610-395-5912 or jordanlutheran@verizon.net) with their name and date of death.

Your Name _____

Person to be remembered _____

Date of Death (11/1/15 - 10/31/16) _____

Jordan Members who have died will automatically be included.