

April, 2017



Holy Week & Easter Services

4/12 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service
4/14 (Friday) 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
4/15 (Saturday) 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil
Easter Sunday 4/16
6:00 a.m. Early Dawn Service (cemetery, weather permitting)
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Services with Holy Communion

So many things going on! Get involved! Check it out!
More information about most of these events inside!

April 23 – Basket Social
Benefits youth

April 28-29
Youth Night on
the Move

April 4 – Craft Show meeting
Nov. 18 – Fall Craft Show

Sleeping mats for the homeless

JUNE 4TH *July 17-21 – Vacation Bible School*
PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION

October 1 – Pink Courage Sunday

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Jeff Laudenslager

Dave Mancke

Kevin Murphy

Keely Schofield

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April

Fifth Sunday in Lent (4/2)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

Mid-Week Lenten Service (4/5) at 7:00 p.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday (4/9)

8:00 & 10:30 - ELW Worship Service

Mid-Week Lenten Service (4/12) at 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service (4/14) at 7:00 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord (4/16)

6:30 am –Early Dawn Service (outdoors, weather permitting)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

Second Sunday of Easter (4/23)

8:00 – ELW Worship Service w/comm.

10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Third Sunday of Easter (4/30)

8:00 & 10:30 – ELW Worship Service

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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STAFF

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Asst Organist: Janice Kistler

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

2017 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: April 2; June 4, 11, 25; July 2, 16, 23; Aug. 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3, 24; Oct. 15, 22, 29

To sponsor bulletins or the EPP ad, please call Donna for available dates

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 flowers are \$40. Bulletins are \$20. 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

Carol Rabenold
Ingrid Martz, Ulla Martz

Lectors

Shirley Schleicher, Barbara Godshall, Lori Hamm, Anna Martz, Ted Dubois, Julie Boscia, Ken Gross

Ushers

Erin Klotz, Shirley Schleicher, Deb Gingerich, Justin Grim, David Daniel, Boscia Family, Gary Schneck

Bell Tollers

Kyle Heston, Rich Albright, Anna Martz, Dan Stark, Jenny Bair, Ken Gross

Acolytes

Gavin Russell, Dominick DiMaggio, Summer Kozy, Logan Edelman, Kyle Heston, Taylor Wikert, Erin Klotz

Communion Assistants

Julie Boscia, Lynn Daniels, Karen Boardman

"Love always involves responsibility, and love always involves sacrifice. And we do not really love Christ unless we are prepared to face His task and to take up His Cross."

-William Barclay



Bell Toller Schedule for April

April 2nd

8:00 – Taylor Wikert
10:30 – Logan Edelman

April 9th

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

April 16th

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

April 23rd

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

April 30th

8:00 – Bill Lutterschmidt
10:30 – Nick Wertman

Treasurer's Report for February 2017

	Month	YTD
Income		
Operating Income	\$29,673.34	\$ 57,346.68
Benevolence	1,976.67	3,953.34
Property	3,137.50	6,275.00
Debt Reduction	-----	-----
Total Income	\$33,787.51	\$ 67,576.02
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 1,891.67	\$ 3,783.34
Ministries	2,055.00	4,110.00
Payroll	20,352.90	40,705.80
Property	8,089.58	16,179.16
Benevolence	1,925.01	3,850.02
Total Expenses	\$ 34,314.16	\$ 68,628.32
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (526.65)	\$ (1,053.30)



*Shut-In of the Month
For April*

Mary Ann Rau
220 E. Church Street
Slatington PA 18080

Please send a card to let her know her church family is thinking of her!

Reminder for Holy Week: Out of deference to Holy Week, its sacredness and importance to the life of Jordan Lutheran Church as a community of faith, we humbly request your participation in honoring this most holy time for Christians and your support for the additional programming of religious activity in our congregation by not holding meetings during that week or finding alternative meeting arrangements.

Lent 2017

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)

Mar. 1 Mar. 8 Mar. 15 Mar. 22 Mar. 29 Apr. 5 Apr. 12

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.

Council Highlights for March 2017

- Jamie Edelman and Ingrid Martz reported on their experiences at Learning Ministries Day
- Current host of website will be retained until new website is up and running
- Jeff Steiner approved to Audit Committee
- Jeff Laudenslager approved to fill vacant council seat



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.

2017 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 _____ Env. No. _____

Your phone number _____

\$ _____ 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. _____

CASH \$ _____ ENV. NO. _____

Check \$ _____ Flower _____ Hunger Fund _____ Memorial Fund _____

Please check: _____ Flower _____ Hunger Fund _____ Memorial Fund

Celebrate and Connect Service

Coming 4/29: "God Sightings". God is with us every day and sends us little reminders. It is our job to be aware and observant of these God Sightings. Examples of Sightings can be found in nature or in people sent to us at just the right time. **Do you have photographs or a story of a personal God Sighting?**

Please send them to petersfarm19529@yahoo.com (subject – "God Sighting") and we will share God Sightings at the April Celebrate and Connect service.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

We are in need of a few people for **setting up and coordinating funeral lunches**. Food will be prepared by a caterer, but help is still needed to set up/take down and to be here to provide minor supervision of the meals. Call the church office if you can help with this.

Please **save your plastic grocery bags**. We are going to be making sleeping bag mats to be donated to the homeless. Many bags are needed to make just one mat so we'll need lots of them! More info to come.

Please join us at a meeting to **review last year's Craft Fair** and begin planning for 2017. Tuesday, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m.

We could use one or two people who could commit to **helping with bulletins** on a regular basis on the 3rd Friday of the month. If you can help, please contact the church office.



To my dear Friends at Jordan,

Thank you all for the cards, your prayers, and calls during my recent hospitalization and recovery It meant so much to know that people cared and held me up in prayers and well wishes. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Ulla Martz

*Gifts to the Memorial Fund were received
from Sharla Kistler in memory of Mae Schaadt and John Kuhns*

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15, 2017
11:00 a.m.
Family Center



This year's annual Jordan Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15th at 11:00am. As we have done for the past several years, we will fill plastic eggs 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 will be making Peepcakes (cupcakes with peeps on top). We usually plan for 75 children to attend.

To help make our Egg Hunt a success, 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 Easter Hershey Kisses, Marshmallow Peep Chicks**

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

P.S. Tracy & Tammy have organized the Egg Hunt for the past four years and are looking to pass the baton onto the next group of volunteers who are willing to step up for the 2018 Egg Hunt. If you are interested, please contact Tracy or Tammy and they will include you in this year's planning so you are ready to go in 2018!!!



Topton: Jean Lee

Manor Care: Peg Smith

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

At home: Grace Haas, Russell Bear, John Hemmis, Olive Wood, Mary Ann Rau, Richard & Norma Grammes, Donald Werley, Warren Gressley, LaVonne Gingerich

Please keep these people in your prayers: Robert Jones (Good Shepherd), Raymond Shuey, Rebekah Heilman Mancino

Fellowship Manor: Florence Roth, Lucie Laudenslager

Kirkland Village: Jane Koch



APRIL Birthdays

- 1: Linda Mantz
- 3: Gavin Schuler, Rileigh Schalter, Elaine Toth
- 4: Amy Wikert
- 6: Sharon Harrier, David Ludwig, David Mancke, Gary Strobl
- 7: Sydney Cole, Kurt Posegay
- 8: Michele Wagaman, Shirley Wertman
- 9: Gilbert Keller, Jeanette Kohlbrenner, Emily Krueger, Carol Rabenold, Patricia Rotz
- 10: Jessica Keinert
- 11: Melissa Grim, Danielle Marsteller, Laura Peters, Dawn Stoudt
- 12: Robert Jones, Peg Smith
- 13: Jeffrey Toth, Melanie Welsh-Bosler
- 14: Ronald Hamm, Kelly Ward
- 15: Willis Kuhns, Neil Snyder, Cindy Ward
- 16: Ted DuBois, Jean Steiner
- 17: Alan Rotz
- 19: Ainslee Borst, Kyle Heston
- 21: Jill Branch, David Rabenold
- 22: Raymond Suhocki
- 23: Debra Barr, Tom Martino, Helene Quaintance, Thomas Szczepanski, Grace Tom
- 24: Katelyn Cole
- 25: Thomas Berdahl, Margaret Crane, Morgan Heller, Carole Herman, Lindsay Kerr
- 26: Katie Daniels
- 28: Summer Kozy
- 29: Brayden Christianson, Mary Ann Groeller

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



APRIL Anniversaries

- April 12, 1952: Norma & Richard Grammes
- April 15, 1961: Jean & Dave Adam
- April 11, 1964: Charles & Mary Ann Groeller
- April 17, 1971: Phyllis & William German
- April 10, 1976: Patricia & Alan Rotz
- April 11, 1981: Judy & Kevin Murphy
- April 16, 1983: Kathleen & David Kerr
- April 23, 1983: Cathy & John Sweeney
- April 30, 1983: Kitty & Harry Tom
- April 11, 1987: Donna & Dan Stark
- April 24, 1988: Phyllis & Dale Hahn
- April 21, 1996: Janet & Howard Stettler
- April 30, 1998: Andrea & Matt Russell
- April 6, 2002: Karen & Obie Freitag
- April 30, 2005: Carole & Michael Herman

12-Hour Prayer Vigil



Saturday, April 15th
6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please sign up for a ½ hour slot on the bulletin board in the Memory Room.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

April 2017



1
Boy Scout Trade-O-Ree
Family Center

2 WORSHIP
8:00 & 10:30 -communion

Family Center reserved

 6:00-Brownie Troop

 6:30-New Beginnings

3 PANTRY
 9:30-11:30am

 12:45-Sr.Yoga
 5:30-Basketball-FC
 6:30-Jordaniers
 7:00-Boy Scouts

4

 12:30-Sr. Aerobics
 1:30-Game Day
 5:30-Basketball-FC
 6:00-End. Inv. Mtg.
 6:00-Brownie Troop
 6:30-Jr. Girl Scout Troop
 7:00-Craft Fair mtg.

5 PANTRY 6:00-7:00 pm
 9:30-Prayer Shawl
 12:30-Sr. Yoga
 5:30-Jr. Bells
 5:30-Soup Supper
 6:00-Cherub Choir
 6:15-Ringers
 6:30-Canon Choir
 7:15-Volleyball-FC
 7:00-Lenten Worship
 7:30-Chorale-after worship

6

 12:30-Sr. Aerobics
 5:30-Soccer-FC
 7:00-Volleyball-FC
 7:00-Church Council

7

 7:00-AA Group
 7:00-Volleyball-FC
 9:30-Volleyball-FC

8

9 WORSHIP
8:00 & 10:30
Palm/Passion
Sunday
 (no communion)

 6:30-New Beginnings

10

11

12
 5:30-Soup Supper
7:00- Lenten Worship

13

14

7:00-Tenebrae Service

15

6am-6pm, Prayer Vigil

11:00 am
Egg Hunt
Family Center

Holy Week

16 WORSHIP
Easter Sunday
6:30-Early Dawn
8:00 & 10:30
services w/communion

 6:30-New Beginnings

17 PANTRY
 9:30-11:30am

 12:45-Sr.Yoga
 5:30-Basketball-FC
 6:30-Jordaniers
 7:00-Boy Scouts

18

 12:30-Sr. Aerobics
 1:30-Game Day
 5:30-Basketball-FC
 6:00-Brownie Troop
 6:30- Girl Scout Troop

19
 9:30-Prayer Shawl
 12:30-Sr. Yoga
 5:30-Jr. Bells
 6:00-Cherub Choir
 6:15-Ringers
 6:30-Canon Choir
 7:00- Cong. Care Team
 7:15-Volleyball-FC
 7:30-Chorale

20

 12:30-Sr. Aerobics
 5:30-Soccer-FC
 7:00-Volleyball-FC

21

 7:00-AA Group
 7:00-Volleyball-FC
 9:30-Volleyball-FC

22

23 WORSHIP
 8:00-comm. & 10:30
 Basket Social
 6:30-New Beginnings

24

 12:45-Sr.Yoga
 6:30-Massed Bands rehearsal - Family Ctr.
 6:30-Jordaniers
 7:00-Boy Scouts

25

 12:30-Sr. Aerobics
 5:30-Basketball-FC
 6:00-Girl Scout Troop

26
 9:30-Prayer Shawl
 12:30-Sr. Yoga
 5:30-Jr. Bells
 6:00-Cherub Coir
 6:15-Ringers
 6:30-Canon Choir
 7:15-Volleyball-FC
 7:30-Chorale

27

 12:30-Sr. Aerobics
 5:30-Soccer-FC
 7:00-Volleyball-FC

28

 7:00-AA Group
 7:00-Volleyball-FC
 9:30-Volleyball-FC

29

30 WORSHIP
 8:00 & 10:30
 6:30-New Beginnings

Youth

Overnight - FC

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

Jamie Edelman ~ christianedu.jordanlutheran@verizon.net ~ 610-395-5912

Basket Social

Sunday, April 23rd

Drawings begin at 1:00 p.m.

Doors open at 12:00 p.m. for browsing and lunch.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT JORDAN'S YOUTH GROUP.

Great Baskets - Something for everyone!

HOTDOGS
SOUP
SAUSAGE SANDWICHES
CHIPS
BAKED GOODS
BOTTLED WATER
SODA
COFFEE & TEA

\$5 for 25 chances



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Basket Social Donations

Donations from the congregation are always welcome for the youth's annual Basket Social. There is a list of basket themes in the Memory Room to get your creative juices flowing!

If you want to make a contribution but don't want to put a full basket together, you can check out the list of supply items we need each year.

Donations of empty baskets of any size are needed, especially larger baskets.

Do you work for a company that would be willing to purchase & donate a gift card? Or donate goods for a basket? Or make a monetary donation? Talk to Jamie! (A donation request letter can be provided, if needed.)

Spring Cleaning Time!

CLEAR YOUR CLUTTER AND SHARE WITH OTHERS!!

Fashion Republic, the company we do our clothing drive through, is **in great need of hard toys, soft toys, board games (complete sets), bicycles for kids in need and baby items (strollers, car seats, swings, highchairs)**. Donations can be placed in the basket truck in the office foyer or social hall. Of course, we will also continue to collect clothing and fabric items.



Bag me separately!

Remember to put items in plastic bags – it saves us from having to re-bag the items - and tie them shut. Please put shoes in a bag separate from clothing. We will be scheduling a pickup date in late spring or early summer.

Help us reach our goal of 5,000+ lbs.!



“NITE ON THE MOVE”

APRIL 28-29TH

“Nite on the Move” is a 12-hour (6p-6a) overnight event for students in 8th -12th grades. It includes:

- Dinner
- Bowling
- Laser Tag
- Community Service Activity
- Games (Projected Video, Sardines, and more)
- Breakfast at Chris’ Diner

Sleep is NOT on the agenda!

The cost to attend this event is \$25 pp, due by Sunday, April 23rd. The balance of the cost will be covered by funds from the youth budget. 1-2 parents are needed to be drivers/chaperons – without them the event can’t happen. Parents need to have clearances on file by April 9th. If you are interested (students & chaperones), please sign up at the youth table in the Memory Room, or outside Jamie’s office.



6th Annual Jordan Night at the Iron Pigs!

Thursday, June 8th
Game Time: 7:05 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person (children under 2 do not need a ticket if they sit on an adult’s lap). Ticket includes field level seating along the 3rd base side and a \$2 concession credit, redeemable for food, drink or merchandise inside the park.

*Limited Number of Tickets Available
Sold on a First-Come, First-Served Basis
Order Forms are available in the Memory
Room and the Narthex
Last Day to Order Tickets is May 7th.*

Confirmation Student & Mentor Opportunity Sunday, May 28th

Mentors and students can volunteer together at The Sanctuary at Haafsville. (Counts towards community service hours.) Look for details in next month’s newsletter.

Community Service Opportunities for Confirmation Students:

Wednesday in Lent (March 29th, April 5th)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Help prepare and wrap baskets

Wednesday, April 12th

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Help prepare and wrap baskets

Saturday, April 22nd

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Help set up Family Center for Basket Social

Sun., April 23rd

11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Help at the Basket Social (some or all of the time)



VBS Called-by- God Staff Needed

Adults and teens are needed to staff this year’s VBS program. If God is calling you to help, please contact Amber Kerschner at mamjkerschner@yahoo.com or Julie Boyer at rjstexas2001@aol.com. Training will be provided to go over the theme and structure of the VBS program in late spring. Child care is provided for volunteers with children younger than 3 years of age.