

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I hope you are enjoying your summer, albeit it is a hot one! I am beginning to understand the saying, "The older you get, the faster the time goes!" It feels like we just completed the spring season with the celebration of Confirmation, and yet here we are only a month away before we return to the fall schedule. This means there has been a lot of planning going on behind the scenes. And it feels really good! It feels like the church is alive again as it was pre-covid!

This coming fall will bring the usual programming of Confirmation classes and Sunday School class opportunities for both our young people and our "young at heart" adults. On Sundays, the adult class "Circle of Faith" will resume meeting to explore season four of "The Chosen." The Tuesday night Bible Study class will be exploring the Book of Exodus.

Our music program will be back in full swing with the various choirs, handbells and chimes, again for both the young and the "young at heart." The awesome thing is that you do not need to read music to participate!

On September 8th we will return to both worship service times 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. While the members of this congregation hold dearly to these two worship service times for a variety of reasons, there is concern which, with your help, can easily be overcome. I thank each of you who assist in whatever way you are already involved in the worship services.

However, there are others who are not involved and could easily help lessen the burden for those who are carrying several hats during the worship services. I am asking that if you are able to assist in the areas needed for worship service, to please contact the coordinator's name in the bulletin and volunteer for the following areas: lector (a fancy name that means to read the lessons/prayers); usher/greeter; altar guild(sets up the altar and assistS during communion); bell ringer; videographers (run the video during services. It's so easy several of our youth assist.). SAT (Safety Awareness Team – help secure the doors before and after services, bring in traffic cones). In addition, it would be awesome to have one or two people per service to oversee the fellowship time after each service. Make it a family Sunday commitment!

None of these aforementioned responsibilities take a lot of time and there is always training available. As the Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of services but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the spirit is given for some benefit."

I am asking you to prayerfully consider giving a small amount of your time on Sunday mornings to assist with the responsibilities of the worship service. Please let Monica in the church office know of your interest or please speak to me if you have any questions or reach out to one of the coordinators.

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*Celebrating
God
Connecting
People*

I pray that your August and the remainder of the summer slows down a bit for you and you find rest and renewal! Looking forward to having you as part of an exuberant Spirit filled fall!

God's Peace & Blessings,

Pastor Dody

**CHURCH COUNCIL
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Julie Boscia

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Bill Hendricks

Kathy Leonard

Ingrid Martz

Andrea Russell

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August 2024

All summer worship services at 9:15 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

(communion) (8/4)

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (8/11)

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(communion) (8/18)

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (8/25)

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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STAFF

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Canon Choir: Janice Kistler

Cherub Choir: Marlene Peters

Inc/Exp Coord: Carol Glass

Sexton: Ann Kline

DEADLINES

Newsletter – 15th of the month
prior to publication

Bulletin – 10 a.m. Thursdays

HOSPITAL CODE

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Family Center Reservations

If you plan to use the Family Center during the September 2024 – August 2025 season (either for a personal event OR a church event), please call the church office ASAP to get your date on the calendar before we begin scheduling the sports groups. Any events already requested from the office need not request again.



August...

Bright, sunlit skies, balmy nights,
nature's warm colors, and the smell of
seasons about to change.

I am truly humbled by the volunteers, both adults and teens, that helped make VBS fun, exciting, and a blessing for the children that attended.

If you see Amber Kerschner and Stephany Heckman, please express your gratitude to them. This is Amber's 13th year committed to helping during VBS. As VBS Director this year, she has been working around the clock for the past few weeks to put together the most amazing VBS program. Every day she would arrive early, stay late, and roll with the unexpected punches. Together with her children, Mia and Jordan, they have also volunteered as song leaders for many years. We are also blessed to have Stephany Heckman step up this year as the Assistant VBS Director. What an amazing week she had along with her daughter, Nora, and team of storytellers. They gave hours of time to decorate several rooms, creating an atmosphere that was sure to make the Bible stories come alive! I also want to thank all the station leaders, crew leaders, security volunteers, snack ladies, and teen volunteers that donated many hours of their time this week, and to all the families who brought their children to VBS. We also want to extend a "thank you" to the Director and volunteers of JUCS for their time to engage in a PM session as part of this collaborative VBS. This week both the AM and PM sessions have been a huge success and blessing for both churches and our community.

Steph Derstine
Director of Faith Formation



Sunday School Teachers, Volunteers and Parents

The Sunday School Department is looking for confirmed members, age 18 and older, to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher for the Pre-K – 6th grades, once a month starting September 2024. Join the Sunday School Team to teach our children how to pray and play God's way!

Contact Steph Derstine for information
jordandff@ptd.net.



The secretary will be off on Monday, August 19th.

Pr. Dody will be on vacation August 23 – Sept. 1st.*

*Pastor Brian Riedy will provide pastoral coverage. You can contact him directly at 610-844-8924 or contact the church office during regular hours and we will be happy to get you in touch with him.

Jordan's Music Ministry

If you would like to serve Jordan Lutheran Church in a very important way, please think about joining one (or more!) of our musical ensembles. Opportunities are available to join the Jordan Chorale, Canon/Cherub Choirs (for kids), Friendship Ringers, Junior Gyros, Sinfonia and Brass.

For information about Chorale, Bells, etc. contact Susan Hartney at 610-360-6934 or suzyflute@aol.com.
For information about Canon Choir (age 8-17) call or email Miss Jan at 484-225-5693 or janrkis@ptd.net.
For information about Cherub Choir (age 3 -2nd grade) contact Marlene Peters at (610) 573-6586 or petersfarm19529@yahoo.com.

Council Highlights - June 13, 2024

Opened with devotions - Kathy Leonard

Approved 5-9-24 minutes and the 6-13-24 agenda.

Correspondence: None

Staff reports:

Pastor (written): Attended NEPA Synod Assembly June 8th.

- Welcomed three new members on 6/2.

Dir Faith Formation (written): Confirmation Breakfast well received.

- Iron Pigs game 6/7 with 45 seats filled.
- Joint meeting for youth group leader in Mission District set for 6/15.

Committee Highlights:

Treasurer (written): Month of May actual showed a deficit of \$6,500 and the YTD actual a deficit of \$5,430. Heading into the summer months, giving is generally down.

Worship & Music (written): Welcomed new Co-chairs Julie Boscia and Sandie Hamil. Extended words of appreciation to Lynn & Tom Daniels for their years of leadership.

- Hymn sing 7/28
- Next meeting 8/13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Technology: No Report

Property (written): Mulching completed. Fire suppression/ extinguishers/fire alarm inspected.

- Sidewalk repairs completed.
- Major projects will be capped under the Capital Campaign program.

Outreach/Mission (written) : review 4-F Worship/Picnic with 70 in attendance!

- Christmas in July Collection for Topton residents
- God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) - Oct 6th
- Octoberfest - family event being planned for Oct 12th.

Family Center - No Report

Christian Education (written): VBS 6/17- 6/21. Lutheran's 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. UCC 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. New this year to do joint program at our site.

- Fall activity schedule presented.
- Next meeting : SS Staff 8/25 @ 10:45; CE 8/25 @ noon.

Finance: No meeting

Pantry (written): 27 households, 29 adults, 12 children, 27 elderly were served this month.

Old Business:

Rising Roots proposed assisting with cost to replace water efficient toilet/faucets up to \$5,000 in return to receive no more than 10% rent increase each year to the 2028 school year. MSP

Constitution update - about 50% completed.

Capital Campaign Committee - recommend using Kirby Smith Associates to oversee our Capital Campaign in Fall 2024 at cost of \$7,500 for Feasibility Study, followed by 3 yr campaign at \$25,000. Cost to be rolled into campaign. Will further inform congregation with more info through proper communication in the near future. MSP.

Photo Directory - Need volunteer to work on it.

290th Anniversary - Jean and Dave Adam willing to oversee one day event on Sunday Oct 28th. MSP.

New Business:

Sunday School Foyer roof repair estimate presented \$24,478. (Part of Capital Campaign) MSP.

Pastor proposed increase for funeral fees for sexton and organist. \$75/\$150 respectively. MSP.

Reminder no council meeting in July.

Closed with Lord's Prayer at 9:45 p.m.

Next regular council meeting is Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. All council meetings are open meetings and members are invited to attend. Full reports/minutes can be obtained in the church office. Monthly financial reports can be found in the information racks in the Memory Room and the Narthex.



Jordan Lutheran Church welcomes all children ages Pre-K to 6th grade to join our Sunday School classes in the Fall for an hour of learning about Jesus and our awesome God! Our teachers and volunteers have created a fun and safe environment for our kiddos to listen to Bible stories, create fun art and craft activities, sing songs and play games.

Check out all the fun events and happenings we have planned for the next school year! Beginning with the start of Sunday School in September and including events planned right through Christmas. We hope you will join us!

Rally Day, September 8, 2024 (kick-off for Sunday School) FOR ALL AGES!

- Pre-K to 6th grade will begin Sept. 8th, at 9:15 a.m. with a **Scavenger Hunt and special “Welcome Back-to-Sunday-School” treat!**
- **Confirmation Class Meeting** – Pr. Dody, teachers and mentors will meet with students and parents of the confirmation class to review the requirements needed to complete confirmation. The meeting will be held Sunday, September 8th, at 9:15 a.m. in the confirmation classroom.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** for all age students will be held Sept. 8th during both worship services.
- **Teacher Installation** – a time for members to support and pray for Sunday School volunteers will be held Sept. 8th during both worship services.
- **Goodies with Grands** – a celebration to honor grandparents will be held Sept. 8th in the Memory Room after each service

- **Circle of Faith** (adult Sunday School class) begins again on **Sunday, Sept. 15th**, at 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, September 21st - Knobel’s Family Day (see p. 6)

Sunday, October 6th - GWOH. The youth are inviting anyone interested in gift-wrapping empty boxes during God's Work Our Hands. The boxes will be used for Christmas gifts for the Holiday Hope Chest gift boxes for children.

Sunday, October 13th - Crop Walk, St. Timothy’s

Sunday, November 2nd – Fall Basket Social. Celebrate the harvest season creating thoughtful gift baskets for our community event. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Friday, November 29th –Sight and Sound Bus Trip to see “Daniel.” Leave Jordan parking lot at noon, 3pm show. Details to follow.

Saturday, December 14th – Family Christmas Caroling. All ages are invited to gather together to stroll through Parkland Manor and Heather Glen sharing our beloved Christmas carols and a few fun children’s Christmas songs, from 2 – 4 pm. Refreshments to follow at church in the Memory Room.

Sunday, December 15th - Youth and Children's Christmas Program, during the 9:15 am worship service. Rehearsals will be held at 1:00 on Dec. 14th (prior to Christmas caroling), and briefly at 8:15 on Dec. 15th.

Additional information about our Fall classes, including a registration form for Sunday School, can be found on our website <https://www.jordanlutheran.org/sunday-school.html>.

Confirmation Meeting

All youth who are entering 7th grade or above in school this fall are invited to enroll in our confirmation class. The confirmation program is a two-year program for all students in 7th/8th grade (or above). An introductory meeting will take place on Sunday, September 8th in Room 7 (across from the Pastor's Office) at 9:15 a.m. We will be reviewing the expectations of confirmation students/parents and teachers, signing the covenant and discuss the schedule for this year. There will also be time for questions/concerns from both parents and students. Please bring your calendar along as we will also discuss retreat dates.

CONFIRMATION CLASS PRE-ENROLLMENT FORM: All youth and one parent/guardian need to attend. Please complete the pre-enrollment form and send it to the church office by Sunday, September 1.



Confirmation Class Pre-Enrollment Form

Youth Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade in School (2024-2025) _____

Parent's Name (s): _____

Address(es): _____

Email(s): _____

Phone #'s : _____

JORDAN FAMILY FUN DAY AT



Saturday, September 21st, 2024 Noon - 8 pm

Come, spend a fun-filled family day at Knoebels Amusement Park, with your church family. There's free parking, free park attendance, hamburgers and hot dogs provided by your church family, and a \$20 ride pass for Pre-K to 8th grade students and youth attending Jordan Church!

While you may not want to go on the rides, please enjoy the reserved table space in the pavilion, noon to 8 pm to eat, play cards, board games, or simply relax. We will meet to eat together in the pavilion at 4 p.m. Please bring a lite side dish or dessert to share.

This is a rain or shine event. **SIGN UP ON THE SHEET LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX!!**

Address: Knoebels, 391 Knoebels Blvd Route 487 Elysburg PA 17824

Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class will resume in the fall on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. We will be switching it up a bit and enter the Old Testament with an exploration of the Book of Exodus.

Join us this year (14 sessions) as we explore how the stories from Exodus help us discover how the covenant relationship between God and people echoes throughout the whole Bible. We will learn about

important events, people, and foundations of our faith.

I invite you to this group with lively conversation, deep questions, and fellowship as we learn together.

Please register for the class no later than August 19th so that enough books can be ordered. Our first class will begin Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in Rm 7 (across from Pastor's office). The cost for the book is \$30 (or as you are able. Please do not let the cost deter you from attending).



Adult Bible Study – Fall 2024/Spring 2025

Exodus: Gateway to The Bible

(Please register no later than August 19th)

Name _____

Contact # _____

Email _____

Acolyte Training

will be held on Sunday, September 15th, 11:30 -12:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. This is being offered to youth in 4th grade and older and especially for our confirmation students who are required to acolyte. Please contact the church office (610-395-5912) or speak to Pastor Dody if you will be attending. For Confirmation students who have already been trained, this is a great review and an opportunity to help other youth learn.

Basket Social / Craft Social - New Date, New Time, New Addition, New Deadline Date!

Please note a new date and time, **Saturday, November 2, 2024**, from 9 am – 1 pm, has been designated for our Basket Social in the Family Center with an addition of a craft fair in the Fireplace Room.

We welcome donations of **NEW** items and gift cards for the basket social. Baskets and cellophane wrap are available in the Memory Room for your convenience. If you wrap your own basket, please include a list of the items in the basket. If you prefer, we will do the wrapping for you.

Wrapped baskets and donated items will be collected Sunday, September 1st - Sunday, October 13th in the Memory Room or drop off in Steph Derstine's office. Please place gift cards in an envelope noted: BASKET SOCIAL and drop in the offering plate.

If you are a crafter, please consider participating in our craft fair the day of our basket social. Secure a table for \$20.

Doors will open in the Family Center at 9 am. Drawing will be at 1 pm. Winners will be notified by phone. Prizes may be picked up between 4 – 6 pm day of the raffle or Sunday, November 3rd from noon – 2 p.m.

We will need donated baked goods and volunteers for a variety of positions. Please contact Darlene Wenhold at 610-737-0954 or randy.wenhold@verizon.net for additional details or questions.



Special congratulations to all 2024 graduates from our area high schools and from other institutions of higher learning! We are proud of every one of you and wish you all of God's blessings as you begin the next chapter in life's journey!

If you will be living out of the area and want to continue receiving the church newsletter, please email us your new address/email or drop a note in the offering plate.

Jordan offers scholarships through the Endowment Disbursement Committee to all **Jordan members** who are pursuing a post high school education. This includes, but is not limited to, 2- or 4-year colleges, trade schools, and masters or doctorate degrees. To be eligible to receive this scholarship you simply must be a member of Jordan and complete a scholarship application. The scholarship is \$600 per academic year for a maximum of 4 years. Please contact the church for the scholarship form. We look forward to assisting in your continuing education.



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Our
Church
Family**

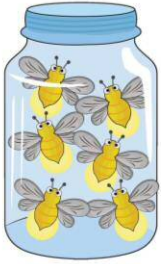
Welcome to our newest members, **Lori Fioravanti, Susan Jaynes, & Glenn Vrabel**, received into membership on **June 2, 2024**; and **Stephanie Derstine**, received into membership on **July 14, 2024**.

Interested in joining Jordan's faith family? Pastor Dody will hold an informational meeting on Sunday Sept 15th at 9:15 a.m. for anyone who is interested in becoming a disciple at Jordan. Please contact the office or Pastor Dody if you desire to be a part of the informational session. Once the group is determined, there will be dates set for three 1-hour sessions.

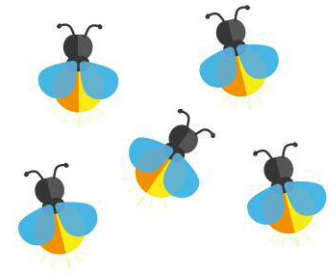
Headstone Cleaning

The Liberty Bell Chapter DAR has received permission from our Cemetery Association to clean headstones and the DAR monument. The group meets at Jordan on a monthly basis. We welcome their efforts to help us preserve our history. All of their efforts are volunteer and they provide all supplies and biological solutions. DAR also promotes education, so any time they are cleaning stones, members of Jordan Lutheran are encouraged to come out and observe, learn, and even help to clean (everything is supplied).





August 2024



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1 7:00-Capital Campaign mtg | 2 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC | 3 |
| 4 9:15 WORSHIP <i>w/communion</i> 6:30-AA Meeting | 5 <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i> 5:00-Jordaniers Picnic-FC 7:00-Boy Scouts | 6 9:30am-Staff mtg. 5:30-Volleyball-FC 7:30-Volleyball-FC | 7 <i>Pantry 6-7 pm</i> 7:00-Finance 7:00-Badminton | 8 Rising Roots 10:00- Teacher mtg 2:00-Ice Cream Social 1:00-Outreach mtg. 7:00-Church Cncl | 9 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC | 10 |
| Family Promise Week | | | | | | |
| 11 9:15 WORSHIP 6:30-AA Meeting | 12 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:00-Parkland Garden Club | 13 6:30-M & W mtg. | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Family Promise Week | | | | | | |
| Parkland Library Used Book Sale / Fam. Ctr. Drop off Mon, Tues, Wed SALE Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun. | | | | | | |
| 18 9:15 WORSHIP <i>w/communion</i> 6:30-AA Meeting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> Parkland Library Used Book Sale/Family Ctr </div> | 19 <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i> 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:30-Altwn Band | 20 5:30-Volleyball-FC 7:30-Volleyball-FC | 21 7:00-Badminton | 22 | 23 4-7-Youth Badminton-FC 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC | 24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;"> Pr. Dody Vacation </div> |
| 25 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30- SS Teacher Mtg. 6:30-AA Meeting | 26 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:30-Altwn Band Newsletter Due | 27 5:30-Volleyball-FC 7:30-Volleyball-FC | 28 7:00-Badminton | 29 | 30 4-7-Youth Badminton-FC 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC | 31 |
| Pr. Dody Vacation | | | | | | |

Summer Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary through September 1st.

Our last 9:15 Summer Worship is Sunday, September 1st. We resume worship at 8:00 & 10:30 on September 8th.

Livestreaming on Facebook & our website



2024 Vacation Bible School

