



## *As the Jordan Flows*

A Newsletter for Jordan Family and Friends

*June/July 2024*

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*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*  
(Matthew 11:28-30)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

My Continuing Education event in May focused on "Sustaining and Nurturing the Preaching Life." While the weeklong seminar was focused on clergy with all the demands of church plus family life, the theme applies to all of us. In a world with so many demands put upon you, how is it that you sustain and nurture yourself?

We are often good at making sure that everyone else is taken care of: running kids to events, shopping, planning special events, school and work schedules, running to help with grandkids or aging parents and so much more. We rise in the morning with our feet running or at least in our minds a long list of things that need to get done. For many the day ends with collapsing into bed, only to repeat the same process the next day!

Our society gives us the message that we need to keep going. We need to keep producing. We need to keep "doing" to be successful, to be worthy. However, even Jesus took time to rest (Mt 11:28-30; Jn 4:5-6; Mk 6:31-32; Gen 2:1-3 to name a few ex.). Jesus invites you to STOP and take time to rest. He not only invites you to rest but gives you permission to REST from the everyday demands of busy hecticness and "doing". Jesus gives you permission to just sit and "BE".

You see, even Jesus knew that he and his disciples could not run on empty. Rest is important not only for our physical health but for our spiritual health and creative well-being. I pray that this summer that you are able to give yourself permission to rest, to take time to break away from the daily routine, to sit among the quietness of creation, to sit among the quietness with the Lord, reflecting how you might find more "rest" times throughout the year. I pray that you have time to rest in the vacations and family gatherings this summer. And I invite you to come and rest for an hour on Sunday mornings worshipping with us at Jordan, time to share in fellowship and catch up with your faith family! Whatever you do this summer, Jesus gives you that permission to rest, be renewed, and rejuvenated in body, mind and Spirit!

CELEBRATING  
GOD  
CONNECTING  
PEOPLE

Resting in the love of Christ!  
*Pastor Dody*



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Cherub Choir: Marlene Peters  
Sexton: Ann Kline

**DEADLINES**

**Newsletter** – 15<sup>th</sup> of the month  
prior to publication  
**Bulletin** – 10 a.m. Thursdays

**HOSPITAL CODE**

256

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**for June & July\***

**Second Sunday after Pentecost (6/2)**  
9:15 am – Worship Service w/Communion

**Third Sunday after Pentecost (6/9)**  
10:30 am – 4F Celebration Outdoor  
& Worship at Lone Lane Park

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (6/16)**  
9:15 am – Worship Service w/Communion  
VBS Staff Installation

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (6/23)**  
9:15 am – Worship Service

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (6/30)**  
9:15 am – Healing Service

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (7/7)**  
9:15 am – Worship Service w/communion

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (7/14)**  
9:15 am – Worship Service

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (7/21)**  
9:15 am – Worship Service w/communion

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ((7/28)**  
9:15 am – Worship Service

*\*Live-Streaming of Worship Services is available*

**SPONSORSHIPS**

**Altar Flowers:** June 2, 30, July 7, 14; Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1; Oct. 6, 13, 20; Nov. 24  
Altar flower costs: \*\*\$50/2 vase, or \$25/1 vase; Bulletins for \$20.

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or [dhahn16@gmail.com](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut ins. If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut ins.

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.

*Lord, Hear Our Prayers  
Make a Call ~ Pay a Visit ~  
Send a Card ~ Say a Prayer*

**Fellowship Community:** Lillian Semmel,  
Donald Laudenslager

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Cedar Crest Post Acute:** Reed Klotz

**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

**Heather Glen:** Sonny Laudenslager, Anna Bieber

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker

### **Jordanians Bowlers**

**First Half Champions      Second Half Champions**

Haifa Kayal	Mike Lakis
Vickie Christianson	Jim Siegfried
Richard Torres	Ellsworth Peiffer
Bobby Jones, Captain	Scott Moyer, Captain



#### **League Champions**

Mike Kakis  
Jim Siegfried  
Ellsworth Peiffer  
Scott Moyer, Captain

### **From the Organist/Choir Director**

It seems like yesterday was Christmas and now we're rapidly approaching the summer season, when we look forward to a time of relaxation and refreshment. Since we are at the end of our traditional music season, we offer thanks to those people who give of their time and talents to enhance our worship service through their musical gifts, the members of Jordan Chorale, Friendship Ringers, Junior Gyros, Canon Choir (Jan Kistler, director), and Cherub Choir (Marlene Peters).

Special music for the prelude and offering during the summer, as well as other seasons of the year, are always welcome. Please see me if you would like to offer a vocal or instrumental solo or selection for a larger group. Musicians of all ages are welcome!

I am already preparing for the fall and winter seasons – like the fashion industry, musicians think at least a season ahead! If you would like to get more involved in the life of Jordan Lutheran Church, please consider participation in one of our music ensembles. You will be warmly welcomed! The only audition requirement is the desire to praise God and serve the people of our faith community through music.

Enjoy a wonderful, blessed summer!



*The office is CLOSED Thursday,  
July 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>,  
for the Independence Day holiday.*

### **Thank you!**

The Sunday School Department would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** for the donations collected for the Gress Mountain Ranch fundraiser. The donations consisted of numerous items for the animals: pine shavings, canned pumpkin, applesauce, cheerios, and vegetable juice, in addition to, gift cards of \$225 and a monetary donation of \$200 received for the owners to use as needed. These donations will help take care of God's animals and we thank you for your support. Also, a tour of the ranch was postponed due to weather and will be rescheduled at a later date.

### **Annual Garden Tour**

The Parkland Garden Club invites you to their Silver Anniversary Annual Garden Tour, consisting of ten beautiful, unique gardens and speakers. Tickets in the form of a booklet will be on sale in June for \$20 (or \$25 at the gardens). A silent auction where people bid on gift cards, merchandise and donated services will be at one of the gardens on the tour. Since we are a non-profit organization, the profits are used to support our many activities and annual scholarship fund for a deserving senior from a local high school. Please save the date for July 13, 2024. Hope to see you there!! For information please contact Barb at 484-225-7449 or Brenda at 610-653-6363.

## Council Highlights - May 9, 2024

Opened with devotions by Julia Boscia.

Approval of 4-11-2024 minutes and 5-9-2024 agenda.

Correspondence: None

Guests: Brian Wiersch (Insurance) and Glenn Hahn (Ice Machine)

### Staff Reports:

Pastor (written): Presented 5 confirmand and 4 new member names for approval. MSP Value Grid (visioning) event with Jill Peters postponed due to lack of support. May revisit in the fall.

Dir Faith Formation (written): Last day of Sunday School May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation Breakfast 8 a.m. and Worship at 9:15 May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Faith Night at Iron Pigs Game - June 7<sup>th</sup>.

VBS - June 17-21<sup>st</sup> 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Jordan Lutheran/Jordan UCC 6:30-8:15 p.m.

### Committee Highlights:

Treasurer Report (written): Month of April actual showed a deficit of \$9,013 and the YTD actual surplus of \$772.

Worship & Music: No report. Next meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Technology: No mtg. No Report

Property Report - No mtg. No report.

Outreach/Mission: 4F Worship & Picnic June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. Lone Lane Park. Please sign up.

Family Center: No report.

Christian Education: No Report. Next mtg June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5 p.m.

Finance: No meeting.

Pantry (written): 24 households, 27 adults, 15 children, 25 elderly were served this month.

### Old Business:

Rising Roots: Water shortage issue. Will explore replacing water efficient toilets and faucets. RR willing to assist with cost.

Church Insurance: Brian Wiersch from Insurance Board explained new proposed insurance policy to replace Church Mutual. Annual premium \$18,143 with better coverage and lower deductibles. MSP.

Ice Machine: Glenn Hahn presented that current ice machine is deteriorating. Used machine. available for \$1250 + \$250 to install, remove and discard old machine. MSP.

### New Business:

No council meeting in July.

Congregational Meeting is set for Dec 8<sup>th</sup> following 9:15 worship. Inclement weather date Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

Andrea Russell and Doug Clark gave report regarding synod meeting they attended regarding the program 6261. More info on synod website at [godslove.org](http://godslove.org)

Closed with Lords' Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is Thursday June 13, 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 Narthex.

Scrooge says we can't celebrate Christmas in July. BAH HUMBUG!!

Why not???

Stay tuned for our upcoming Christmas in July collection drive to benefit the residents at The Lutheran Home at Tooton!



Come one, come all and enjoy an uplifting day of **Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun** in God's magnificent outdoors. On **June 9th, 2024, 10:30 AM at Lone Lake Park Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and you at the **4-F Celebration**. Following this musically-enhanced, faith-filled service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of smoked pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked macaroni & cheese and bottled water complimented by the sides and desserts you bring. Look for the sign-up board in the Narthex to register your attendance and what side and/or dessert you will bring. You

may also sign up for this event by calling the church office or through Sign-up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FAAD2CA57-49234571-4fcelebration>

Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Please bring your own tablecloth, board and lawn games for all to enjoy! See you then and there!!

- **Who: Jordan Lutheran Church Family & Friends**
  - **Please sign up on the board in the Narthex, call the church office or use Sign-up Genius (The number of people attending will be needed for food planning purposes.)**
- **What: 4-F Celebration**
- **Where: Lone Lane Park Pavilion (30 Lone Lane, Allentown 18104)**
- **When: June 9, 2024 at 10:30 AM**
- **Luncheon: Pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, macaroni & cheese, bottled water and your shared sides/ desserts**
  - **Paper products and plastic utensils will be provided**
  - **Special request: Please bring a paper listing the ingredients of your sides/desserts on 6/9/24 to advise those with food allergies**
  - **Please remember to bring your own table cloth/covering**
- **Fun: Bocce, corn hole and BYOG (Bring Your Own Games)**
- **Donations Requested: Peanut butter and canned tuna for Jordan's Food Pantry**
- **Questions and/or Comments? Reach out to Kathy Leonard (610-398-8368)**

Please note:  
There is only  
one service this  
day, 10:30 a.m.  
at Lone Lane  
Park!

**In the unlikely event of rain, the Family Center will become our refuge. Check Facebook, Jordan's Website and the church's Answering Machine after 7:00 AM on 6/9 if the weather appears angry.**

### **Reminder: Iron Pigs game, Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m.**

The pre-purchased ticket includes: Picnic Patio seating & 2 ½ hour all-you-can-eat buffet. The ticket(s) will be emailed to you by June 1<sup>st</sup>, unless noted to hand deliver them in church.

Ballpark gates will open at 5:45pm – the buffet will open at 6:00- 8:30pm.  
(\$5 parking not included)

Additional park information can be found at [IronPigsBaseball.com](http://IronPigsBaseball.com) or email Steph Derstine at: [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net)

# Confirmation

These students completed their confirmation studies and affirmed their baptismal vows on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:

**Spencer Aleister Deeney**

son of  
Nikki Shafer & Mike Deeney

**Braydon Lee Epting**

son of  
Tom & Carina Epting

**Landon Miro Epting**

son of  
Tom & Carina Epting

**Mark Andrew Shafer, Jr.**

son of  
Mark & Jennifer Shafer

**Olivia Lynn Wozniak**

daughter of  
Jonathan & Marci Wozniak

These young people have fulfilled the requirements for worship and class participation, service to the church and community and attendance at retreats and special events. Their Jordan family warmly congratulates them!



Bear Creek Camp's overnight program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social, and developmental needs.

Session 1: June 16-21\*

Session 2: June 23-28\*

Session 3: June 30-July 5

Session 4: July 7-12\*#

Session 5: July 14-19#

Session 6: July 21-26#

Session 7: July 28-August 2#

Session 8: August 4-9

*\*try camp sessions*

*#rafting sessions*

*Jordan offers ½ campership for members!*

Thank  
you

I am very grateful for the prayers offered for my healing and recovery/rehab following major foot surgery on 1/11/24. As a firm believer in the power of prayer, I can attest that they have been very beneficial.

I have slowly progressed in a positive way and as of my recent visit with the orthopedic surgeon, I am able to drive again. I am looking forward to being able to walk a few miles again and barely be able to detect the metal hardware in my heel upon my next visit the surgeon in July.

Many thanks again for especially helping me to gain more patience and perseverance on this healing journey with your prayers, as well as allowing for an uneventful recovery; the bones in my foot are well fused.

Kindest regards and God's blessing upon you,  
Kathy Lutterschmidt (Bill's wife)

To my dear Jordan Friends,

Thank you sooooo much for the lovely flowers that Lynn & Tom Daniels delivered. It was so nice to see them, and we had a great visit. I'm slowly recovering from an infected gall bladder surgery. A special thank you to Pr. Dody for her lovely visit as well as communion. Bill and I really appreciated it. Once again, thanks so much!  
Sue Weber

# Vacation Bible School 2024

Jordan Lutheran Church and Jordan UCC

will hold its very first JOINT VBS  
with 2 sessions at Jordan Lutheran's  
Family Center - 5103 Snowdrift Rd.

**June 17 - June 21**

**9am-11:45am or 6:30pm-8:15pm**

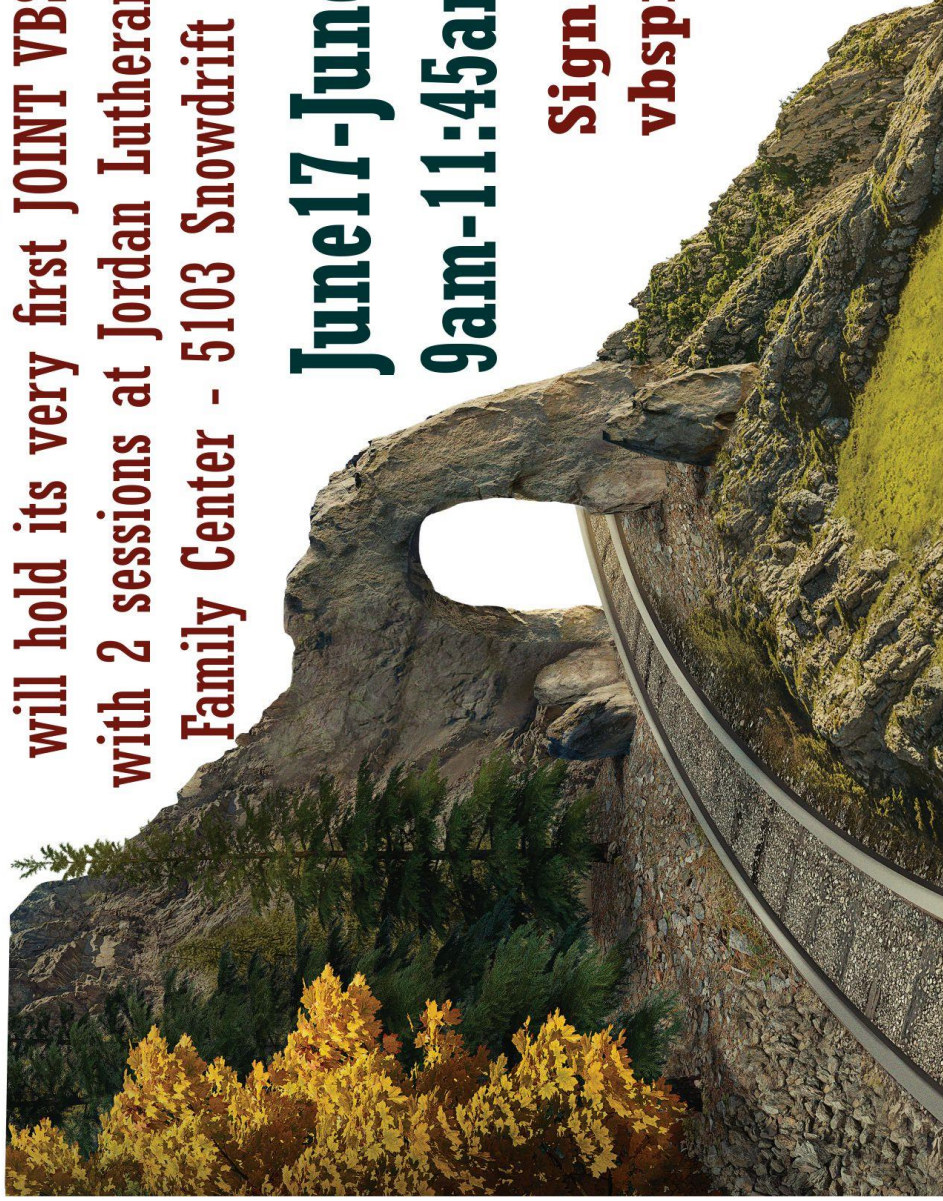
**Sign up at:**

**[vbspro.events/p/2d2f5a](#)**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**

**Stephanie: [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net) or**

**Ann: [sundayschool@jordanucc.org](mailto:sundayschool@jordanucc.org)**





# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate. Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, and summer's lease hath all too short a date." –William Shakespeare</p>						1
<p>2 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> w/communion</p> <p>6:30-AA mtg.</p>	<p>3 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:30-Altwn Band</p> <p>Pantry 9-10 am</p>	<p>4 7:30-V.Ball</p>	<p>5 5:00-Christina Ed 7:00-Finance 7:00-Badminton</p> <p>Pantry 6-7 pm</p>	<p>6 9:30am-Staff Mtg./Lunch 6:00-Exec</p>	<p>7 <b>7:00-Iron Pigs Game</b></p> <p>4:00-Badminton 7:00-V. Ball 9:30-V.Ball</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Synod Assembly Atonement Lutheran, Wyomissing</p>
<p>9 <b>10:30</b> <b>4-F CELEBRATION</b> <b>Lone Lane Park</b> [one service only] No service in church 630-AA mtg.</p>	<p>10 6-7pm, VBS Orientation, FC 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:00-Garden Club 7:30-Altwn Band</p>	<p>11 1:00-Outreach mtg 6:30-Bible Study 7:30-V.Ball</p>	<p>12 7:00-Badminton</p>	<p>13 7:00-Church Council</p>	<p>14 4:00-Badminton 7:00-V. Ball 9:30-V.Ball</p>	<p>15 10am-Noon Youth Directors Mtg., Memory Rm.</p> <p>Set up FC for VBS</p>
<p>16 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> w/communion <b>VBS Staff Installation</b></p> <p>Noon-4pm Set up FC for vbs</p> <p>6:30-AA mtg.</p>	<p>17 7:00-Boy Scouts</p> <p>Pantry 9-10 am</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Clean up FC from VBS</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School Rocky Railway 9:00 – 11:45 am and 6:30 – 8:15</p>						
<p>23 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b></p> <p>6:30-AA mtg.</p> <p>30 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> Healing Service 6:30-AA mtg.</p>	<p>24 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:30-Altwn Band</p>	<p>25 6:30-Bible Study 7:30-V.Ball</p>	<p>26 7:00-Badminton</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 4:00-Badminton 7:00-V. Ball 9:30-V.Ball</p>	<p>29</p>

Keep in mind that we will be worshipping TOGETHER at one service at 9:15 am through the months of June, July and August, and including September 1<sup>st</sup> (Labor Day weekend). The only exception is the 4 F Celebration (outdoor worship & picnic) on June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. at Lone Lane Park.

**Summer Worship is at 9:15 a.m. ~ Livestreaming available**

The Sexton will be on vacation June 8 & 9.





# July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:30am-Staff mtg. 5:30-Volleyball 7:30-Volleyball	3	4 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	5 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  4:00-Badminton 7:00-V. Ball 9:30-V.Ball	6
7 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> w/communion	8 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:30-Allentown Band  <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i>	9 5:30-Volleyball 7:30-Volleyball	10 7:00-Finance 7:00-Badminton  <i>Pantry 6-7 pm</i>	11	12 4:00-Badminton 7:00-V. Ball 9:30-V.Ball	13
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<i>Pr. Dody - vacation</i>						
21 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> w/communion  6:30-AA Meeting  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"><i>Pr. Dody - vacation</i></div>	22 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:30-Allentown Band  <i>Pantry 9-10 am</i>	23 5:30-Volleyball 7:30-Volleyball	24 7:00-Badminton	25	26 4:00-Badminton 7:00-V. Ball 9:30-V.Ball	27
28 <b>9:15 WORSHIP</b> <i>Hymn Sing</i>  6:30-AA Meeting	29 7:00-Boy Scouts 7:30-Allentown Band	30 5:30-Volleyball 7:30-Volleyball	31 7:00-Badminton	<p><i>“The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.”</i></p> <p><i>- John F. Kennedy</i></p>		

**Summer Worship is at 9:15 a.m. Livestreaming available**

*NO Church Council meeting this month. Have a nice summer!*

*Pastor Dody will be on vacation July 15 – 21.*

*The Sexton will be on vacation July 21 – 27.*