

May 2024

Dear Siblings in Christ,

What a wonderful Easter day we were blessed with! Awesome music, many in attendance (greater than last year!) and hearing the Good News that Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! But Easter is not yet over! Eastertide is actually fifty days which bring us to the Day of Pentecost ("Koinē Greek: πεντηκοστή, romanized: pentēkostē, lit. 'fiftieth'") * This year The Day of Pentecost is May 19th. As we hear the lessons read for Pentecost, we are invited to receive the Holy Spirit breathed upon the disciples and on us in our baptism.

**CELEBRATING
GOD
CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

As we leave Eastertide behind, having celebrated Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, as we receive the Holy Spirit we enter in the season of Pentecost. The presence of the Holy Spirit marks the beginning of the Christian Church as those gathered that first century received the message in a variety of languages, all as one body, all as one focused on what God called them to do next for the church, as disciples of Christ. Pentecost is a new beginning of teachings, rituals and traditions that have now been carried on down through the centuries to us.

The Holy Spirit calls us to use our individual gifts to glorify God in order to work together as one to accomplish the ministry we are called to do. Sometime though, we get stuck in our historical traditions. We get stuck in "that's the way we have always done it." Yet, we don't want to throw the baby out with the bath water.

On Saturday, May 11th you are invited to attend a gathering led by Dr. Jill Peters who will lead us in a conversation of what it is that we at Jordan Lutheran are hearing God call us to do next. What is it that you are passionate about? Where should we be focusing our energy? What is it that Jordan Lutheran is known for in the community, in other words what would the community miss if we weren't here? How can we utilize the gifts that we have been given to pull together to answer God's call to us in ministry and mission?

Please sign up in the Memory Room or call the church office to join us on Saturday, May 11th from 10 - noon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

May the Holy Spirit breathe new life into us, guiding and supporting us in our ministry together!

Come Holy Spirit! Come!

Pastor Dody

*<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost>. 4/11/2024

CHURCH COUNCIL

2024 Members

Officers

Doug Clark-Pres.
Jeff Steiner-V Pres.

Glenn Wagner

(Treasurer/non-council)

Karen Boardman

Julie Boscia

Ken Gross

Dan Heckman

Bill Hendricks

Kathy Leonard

Ingrid Martz

Andrea Russell

John Weremedic

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday of Easter (5/5)

Rogation Sunday

8:00 am – Worship Service w/Communion

10:30 am - Worship Service

Seventh Sunday of Easter (5/12)

8:00 am – Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service w/Communion

Pentecost (5/19)

9:15 am – Worship Service w/Communion

Confirmation

Holy Trinity (5/26)

9:15 am -Worship Service w/Communion

Our Worship Service continues to be livestreamed each week. Find it on our website www.jordanlutheran.org or Facebook

Jordan Lutheran Church

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

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STAFF

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Asst Organist: Janice Kistler

Inc/Exp Coord: Carol Glass

Bell Choirs: Susan Hartney

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



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: May 21, 28; June 4, 11, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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). **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.

Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or *\$20/1 vase*; **Bulletins for \$20.** 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.

Graduate Information Form



Name of Graduate _____

Name of School _____

Degree/Curriculum _____

Additional Information (honors, awards, etc.): *if there are many, please choose a few you are most proud of.*

Plans after graduation (employment, college, graduate studies, etc.):

Jordan relationships (son/daughter/grandchild of etc.):

Please submit to the church office before May 20th for publication in the June/July Newsletter

**Jordan Lutheran Church Family Event
Iron Pigs "Faith Night" Baseball Game**

Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Iron Pigs Way, Allentown, PA 18109

**Friday, June 7th, 2024
7:05 p.m.**



\$30 per ticket – includes Picnic Patio seating & 2 ½ hour all-you-can-eat buffet
Gates will open at 5:45pm for a 7:05pm game – the buffet will open at 6:00 - 8:30pm
(\$5 parking not included)

Additional park information can be found at IronPigsBaseball.com
Please email Steph Derstine with questions at: jordandff@ptd.net

Please detach ORDER FORM below. Place form & payment in the offering plate, or send it to the church office. Note: **IRON PIGS** on the envelope.

Payable by cash or check to: Jordan Lutheran Church

ORDER FORM/PAYMENT DUE DATE: SUN., MAY 5, 2024



IRON PIGS ORDER FORM / PAYMENT

Print Name: _____ Phone #: _____

* Print Email: _____

*Digital tickets will be sent to your email. If you do not have email, a paper copy will be printed and given to you at church.

Number of Tickets: _____ (Children 2 and under are Free)
x \$30 Total due enclosed = _____

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April 11, 2023 Council Highlights

Opened with devotions by Dan Heckman.

Approval of 3-14-24 minutes and 4-11-2024 agenda.

Correspondence: None

Welcomed 5 confirmands and parents (as part of 2nd year confirmation requirements).

Staff Reports:

Pastor (written): Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter service attendances were up over last year!

- New Member classes begin Sunday April 28th at 9:15 a.m.
- Led confirmation retreat with Marlene Peters, Sat/Sun April 6th /7th.

Dir Faith Formation (written): Email sent to invite Northern Lehigh Valey Mission District youth leaders to attend a brainstorming session on Sat, June 15th, 10-noon to join youth groups together.

- Mother's Day Brunch - May 4th, 10 a.m.

Committee Highlights:

Treasurer Report (written): Month of March actual showed a surplus of \$14,288 and the YTD actual surplus of \$9,785.

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

Technology: No mtg. Ken Gross working to transfer/update phone system.

Property Report - No Report. Doug C. shared ice machine in kitchen died. Glenn H. looking for used to replace.

Outreach/Mission: Kathy L working on 4-F Picnic. Mtg 4/15. Pastor held Outreach regroup mtg 4/7

Family Center (written): Issues with damaged ceiling tiles.

Christian Education (written): April SS fundraiser and field trip to Gress Mtn Ranch.

- Confirmation breakfast planned.
- Sunday School last day is May 12th with Confirmation May 19th.
- VBS June 17th - 21st; 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- Egg Hunt attended by 50+ children.
- Next mtg June 5th @ 5 p.m.

Finance: No meeting.

Pantry (written): 26 households, 32 adults, 18 children, 26 elderly were served this month.

Old Business:

- Outside party initially interested in renting space for summer program withdrew interest.
- Doug C. working on finding a new insurance company for church property. Church Mutual outpriced itself.

New business:

- Financial statements for 2024 will be made available upon request only. MSP.

Closed with Lords' Prayer.

Next regular council meeting is **WEDNESDAY May 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 Narthex.

Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024



Please use a separate form for each plant being sponsored.

No orders will be taken without payment.

Please see that your form is in by Sunday, May 12th.

All geraniums will be planted on church grounds as living memorials.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

_____ geraniums x \$10 = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)

For office use only – do not detach

Pentecost Geraniums

NAME _____

PHONE NO. or EMAIL _____

CHECK \$ _____ CASH \$ _____ ENV. NO. _____

Join us for May Play Day and Family Work Day

Join us for an open house day at Bear Creek Camp, **Saturday, May 4th from 11am-3pm!** Explore camp, meet staff, boat, hike, craft, and fellowship with our camp community. Cookout lunch is available to all and there is no cost.

Prior to May Play Day, starting at 9:00am, everyone is invited to help with projects around camp as we prepare for summer. All skill levels are welcome and lunch is provided.

Registration for both May Play Day and Family Work Day is available on the Bear Creek website. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.



Pictorial Directory

Searching for several people who enjoy working with people, good at scheduling and most of all enjoys taking photos of individuals. It is that time again in the life of our congregation that we need to put together another pictorial directory. We are considering that we would be able to do this ourselves, in house, with a pictorial directory team. Since this is our 290th Anniversary year, what a better time. If you are interested and able to help, please let Pastor or Monica know. We will then get everyone together to plan out our tactics.





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/5080D4FAAAD2CA57-49234571-4fcelebration>

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.

Scholarships Available to Members

Did you know that Jordan's Endowment Disbursement fund has money available for you to use toward your college expenses? \$600 per year, maximum of \$2400 per person is available. Educational assistance may include tuition, room and board, books and supplies, educational camps/conferences, etc. Please contact the church office or check the literature racks in the narthex or Memory Room for a request form.



Sunday School Fundraiser

The Sunday School Dept. is accepting donations for Gress Mountain Ranch, therapeutic ranch and forever home to 50+ rescue animals, located in Orefield, PA. Specific items needed: Pine shavings, pelleted horse bedding, Senior Horse food, 50 lb. bag of popcorn (purchase Restaurant store, no salt or butter), canned pumpkin, monetary and gift cards highly encouraged. Gift cards: Tractor Supply, Bird Mania, Quakertown Vet, Weis, Costco, Albright's Mill, Mill in Germansville.

Additional items needed: Desktop computers, Gatorade Zero, Pot-bellied pig, Mazuri Rabbit and Guinea Pig Food. Donations will be collected in the Memory Room thru May 5th.

Mother's Day Brunch

Invitation for moms, daughters, daughters-in-law, friends and neighbors to come and enjoy a time of food, fun, and fellowship, Saturday, May 4th at 10 am in our Memory Room. Presenters, Empty Nest Crafts, will show us how to design Spring wreaths. \$5 per person collected day of the event. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Memory Room.

Iron Pigs Baseball Game

Faith Night at the Iron Pigs, **Friday, June 7th**, at 7:05 pm., Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, PA. Cost is \$30 per person: Includes Picnic Patio seating, a 2 1/2 hour all you can eat buffet, and unlimited soft drinks. [Order forms for tickets](#) are available in the literature racks, our website and in the April newsletter. Sign-up now! Deadline: Sunday, May 5th.

Outdoor Worship Service ~ June 9th at 10:30 a.m.

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Vacation Bible School - June 17 - 21, from 9am - 11:45 am

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE...

This year we will partner with Jordan UCC for VBS the week of June 15th, at Jordan Lutheran Church. We have been sharing materials and decorations with them for many years and this year decided to collaborate on our efforts to offer two programs in one day. We hope you will join us as we work together to broaden the faith of our children. Our plan includes a morning program from 9 – 11:45 am and an evening program from 6:30 – 8:15 pm. Children and volunteers can attend the program that best suits their schedule. The program will be offered for children 3 years old (potty trained) through 6th grade. The Jordan Lutheran team will serve as coordinators for the morning program and Jordan UCC will coordinate the evening program. Registration and volunteer opportunities will be online starting May 15th.

The leaders from both churches are excited about the opportunity to involve more children and volunteers as we learn on the **Rocky Railways**. Watch the JELC bulletin and newsletter for further details on how you can get involved. If you have any questions please contact Amber K. at mamikerschner@gmail.com or Steph H. at stephanyheckman@gmail.com.

To register go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/2d2f5a>

May 12th - Sunday School Children and Teachers Recognition Day

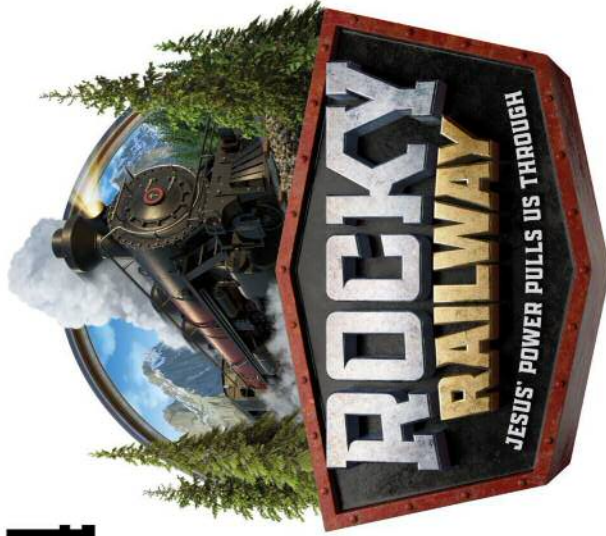
The Sunday School Dept. will recognize the Sunday School children and teachers on the last day of classes, Sunday, May 12th during the 10:30 am service.

Congratulations to our children for their participation in the classroom and a thank you to our teachers for their dedication and leadership of the Sunday School classes.

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

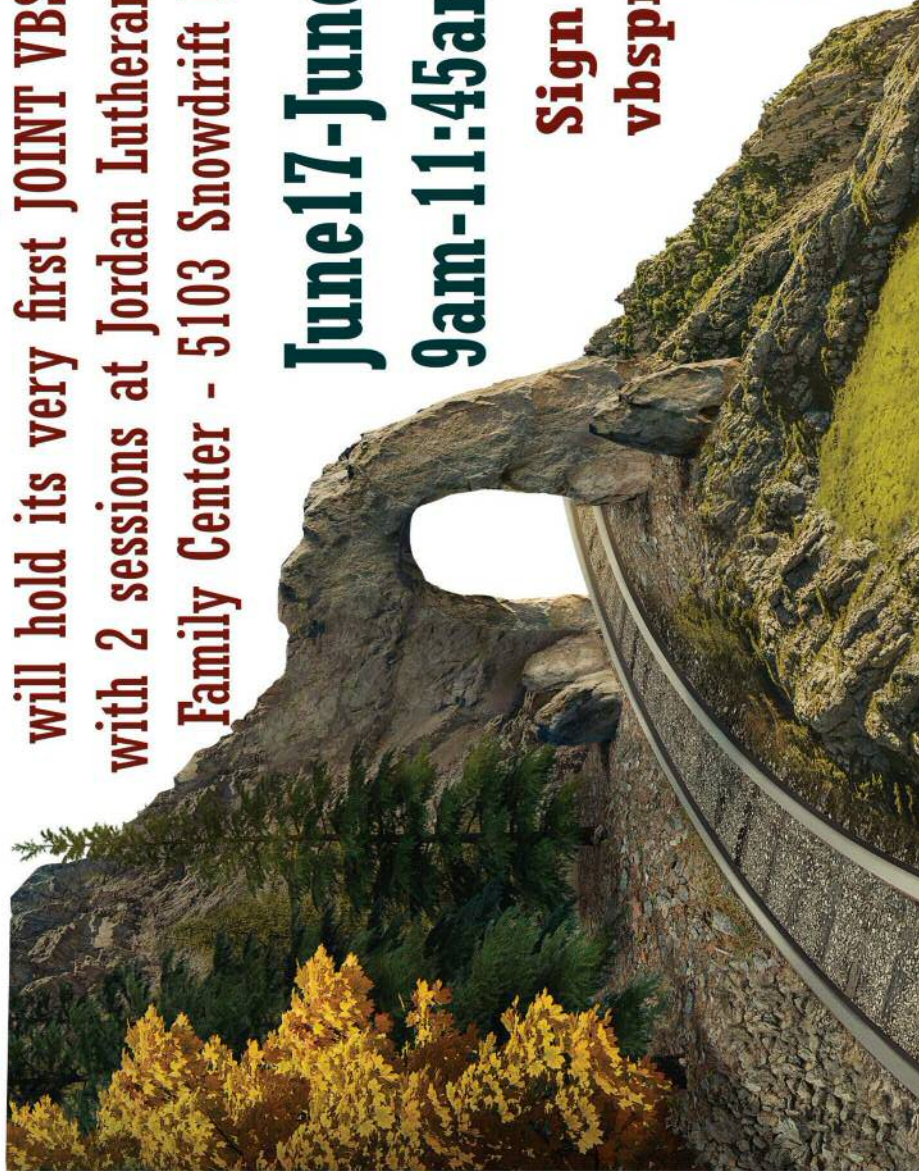
9am-11:45am or 6:30pm-8:15pm

Sign up at:
[vbspro.events/p/2d2f5a](#)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Stephanie: jordandff@ptd.net or

Ann: sundayschool@jordanucc.org





May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pantry 6-7 pm 9:00-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:15-Friendship Ringers 6:30-Canon Choir 7:00-Badminton-FC	2 8:00am-Rising Roots Homeschool 6:00-Exec. Com. 7:00-Volleyball-FC	3 4:00-Youth Badminton-FC 5:30-Jr. Gyros 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	4 <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">10-12 am Mother's Day Brunch Memory Room</p>
5 WORSHIP 8:00 -Communion & 10:30 Rogation Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 9:15-Chorale 9:15-New Member Class 6:30-AA Mtg.	6 Pantry 9-10 am 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Allentown Band-FC	7 9:30-Staff Mtg. 5:30-Volleyball-FC 7:30-Volleyball-FC	8 9:00-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:15-Friendship Ringers 7:00-Church Council 7:00-Badminton-FC	9 8:00am-Rising Roots Homeschool 7:00-Volleyball-FC	10 4:00-Youth Badminton-FC 5:30-Jr. Gyros 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	11 10:00-12:00 Visioning with Dr. Jill Peters, Memory Room
12 WORSHIP 8:00 & 10:30-communion 9:15 Sunday School (last class) 9:15-Chorale 9:15-New Member Class 6:30-AA Mtg.	13 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Allentown Band-FC	14 5:30-Volleyball-FC 7:30-Volleyball-FC	15 9:00-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:15-Friendship Ringers 7:00-Badminton-FC	16 7:00-Volleyball-FC	17 4:00-Youth Badminton-FC 5:30-Jr. Gyros 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	18 8:30-12:30 DAR – Family Center
Pr. Dody at continuing education						
19 WORSHIP 9:15-communion Pentecost/ Confirmation 8:00-Confirmation Breakfast 9:15-Chorale 6:30-AA Mtg.	20 Pantry 9-10 am 7:00-Boy Scouts 8:00-Allentown Band-FC	21 5:30-Volleyball-FC 6:30-Music & Worship 7:30-Volleyball-FC	22 9:00-Prayer Shawl 6:15-Friendship Ringers 7:00-Badminton-FC	23 7:00-Volleyball-FC	24 4:00-Youth Badminton-FC 5:30-Jr. Gyros 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	25
26 WORSHIP 9:15-communion 9:15 Sunday School 9:15-Chorale (last) 6:30-AA Mtg.	27 Church office closed MEMORIAL DAY 	28 5:30-Volleyball-FC 6:30-Bible Study 7:30-Volleyball-FC	29 9:00-Prayer Shawl 5:30-Jr. Gyros 6:15-Friendship Ringers 7:00-Badminton-FC	30 7:00-Volleyball-FC	31 4:00-Youth Badminton-FC 5:30-Jr. Gyros 7:00-Volleyball-FC 9:30-Volleyball-FC	

Our summer worship schedule begins on Pentecost, May 19th with one service at 9:15 a.m. On June 9th, the 4-F Celebration is at 10:30 a.m. at Lone Lane Park. All Sundays thereafter will be one service at 9:15 a.m., up to and including Sept. 1st (Labor Day Weekend).

*Pastor Dody will be out of the office for Continuing Education May 13th – 18th.
If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pr. Michelle Funk at 484-262-9665.*