



# *Kirchenblatt August 2015*

(Parish Newsletter)

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1407 Eighth Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16602



**Join us for Worship Sundays at 10:45 am**

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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

**TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND  
SACRAMENT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

THE 23RD PSALM IS THE MOST FAMOUS  
AND WELL KNOWN OF THE PSALMS.

This Sunday, July 19, 2015, I plan to preach on the Psalm 23 that is in the lectionary for this Sunday. Below is some of the thinking I am doing to prepare for this sermon.

We usually hear **Psalm 23** at a funeral service.

It also has so much for us at all times of our lives.

Use the following for your daily devotions  
during this summer. **Pastor Jim**



The Lord is my Shepherd --- **THAT'S RELATIONSHIP!**

I shall not be in want --- **THAT'S SUPPLY OF OUR NEEDS!**

He makes me to lie down in green pastures --- **THAT'S REST!**

and leads me beside still waters --- **THAT'S REFRESHMENT!**

He revives my soul --- **THAT'S HEALING!**

and guides me along right pathways ---

**THAT'S GUIDANCE!**

for His name sake --- **THAT'S PURPOSE!**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ---

**THAT'S LIFE!**

I shall fear no evil --- **THAT'S PROTECTION!**

for you are with me --- **THAT'S FAITHFULNESS!**

your rod and your staff they comfort me ---

**THAT'S DISCIPLINE AND GUIDANCE!**

You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me --- **THAT'S HOPE!**

you have anointed my head with oil ---

**THAT'S CONSECRATION!**

and my cup is running over --- **THAT'S ABUNDANCE!**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life --- **THAT'S BLESSINGS!**

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord ---

**THAT'S SECURITY, LOVE, COMFORT!**

Forever --- **THAT'S ETERNITY!**

**Pastor Jim**

# \$\$\$ Financials \$\$\$

## INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

### Contribution & Attendance Summary

#### June 2014

Contributions \$2,524  
Average Weekly Attendance 31

#### June 2015

Contributions \$2,418  
Average Weekly Attendance 30



June 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015

### INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.05
Contributions	
General	\$2,204.00
Designated	\$214.00
Special	\$35.00
Other Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$2,453.05

### EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$3,925.97
Worship & Music	\$469.76
Office	\$1,636.46
Custodial & Property	\$707.21
Uncategorized	<u>36.24</u>
	\$6,775.64

# \$\$\$ Financials \$\$\$



# News and Notes from Council

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 14, 2015 AT 6:00PM

**DEVOTIONS GIVEN BY:** Pastor Jim Rill

**COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes from June 9, 2015 were read, and corrections to the spelling from Alter to Altar were made. Evelyn Holsinger made a motion to accept. Donna Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**PASTORS' REPORT:** Pastor Jim reported on having a good vacation and how nice it was to be around family.

Pastor Jim also commented on how successful the family picnic/worship turned out and commented on Pat McConnell's band being a real blessing.

Pastor Jim attended the Annual Conference of the National Association of Lutheran Intentional Interim Pastors on July 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. The conference focused on making changes within the church and helping interim pastors in accomplishing these goals.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Pastor Jim will be leading the service at the Lutheran Home in Holidaysburg. The service will take place at 1:45pm with communion. All are invited to attend.

Pastor Jim distributed a handout on connecting with the students of PSU Altoona. Council approved the setup of a table at student orientation August 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 along with distribution of resources about St. James in an effort to invite students to become active in our ministries.

Pastor Jim suggested the idea of a council retreat. Council approved the idea and now will be looking into a date, location and agenda. Currently the consensus is late September.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Council members looked over the report and had no questions. Betty Boslet made a motion to accept. Donna Wilt seconded the motion. The motion carried.





## News and Notes from Council

Discussion took place on the distribution of WELCA gifts and to the needy. Mark explained that this does not come out of parish funds. There are two funds setup for these activities. First there is a Pastor's discretionary fund and second one for WELCA

**FINANCE:** Mark reported that he is still waiting to hear from Kooman Associates on the setup of a follow up meeting.

The audit forms still need to be signed. Tim will work with Ralph to either locate these forms or develop new ones.

We also need audit forms to be put into the church records.

A discussion ensued on the use of postage. It was finally agreed upon to stay the course because of the potential benefits.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Pot Luck Dinner will be held Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, with the next one scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>. It was also brought up during this report the success of the family picnic. Pictures from the picnic will soon be posted to the church website. The Octoberfest committee will meet Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>. Ideas and people are needed.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** The AC has been installed. The bathroom on the first floor has been completed. The concrete work on the back steps is nearly complete, the front steps are still on the repair list. The down spouting on the front of the church has been repaired. The piping for drainage from the down spouting in the back near the office that was damaged due to freezing has been repaired. Line painting for the parking lot is still being looked into and should be completed soon. Water damage that was caused by the roof leak and mortar problems on the office side of the building has been repaired. Bill Dambeck is in the process of getting a quote on the repointing of the mortar on the office portion of the church facing Stevens Mortuary to prevent further damage to the building.

**STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:** No report. They will meet in the fall.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE:** This committee is in need of a chairperson. Tim will be calling the committee to setup a meeting in August so they are ready for the fall.



## News and Notes from Council

**MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:** A meeting will be scheduled by Pastor Jim for some time in August.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** Mark reported they need to schedule a committee meeting for the New Congregation Constitution. This meeting will take place this fall.

**OLD BUSINESS:** New Laptop for the office has been purchased and setup. The old computer will be reformatted and setup for the treasurer. Silk flowers for the Altar have been donated for the fall. The Bullying handout from the last meeting was brought up with a new handout created by Mark. Council decided this was a topic for the council retreat. A report was given on the Summer Music Camp. The mailing went over budget but with hopes of attracting more children. The Thursday night entertainment is in good shape. Currently 2 teachers are lined up but they still could use more. Signup for the camp is low but with hopes it will increase when Pastor Rill's wife Teri appears on Central PA Live July 27<sup>th</sup> between 4-5pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pastor will be composing another letter to be sent out to the entire congregation encouraging them to return to worship. Mark will be purchasing a MP3 recorder to record sermons to be posted on our updated webpage. Thrivent will no longer be funding Needles for the Needy and the Quilting Group. A motion was made by Carolyn Feathers to donate \$250 to Needles for the Needy and seconded by Louisa Marshal. Motion carried. Council also decided to end the quilting program and donate the remaining materials to Bethany Lutheran Church.

**WEBPAGE AND YOU-TUBE OF MUSIC:** Tim will want pictures, Pastor's messages and choir music. It was also suggested to add pages for wedding and baptism arrangements along with hall rental. If we want to grow, sometimes this means changes!

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Evelyn Holsinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna Wilt seconded the motions. The motion carried. Council voted by standing. The Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

We welcome any member to attend Council meetings. Or if you have a topic that you would like brought before the Council, please share it with any Council member and they can bring it to the meeting. **All Committee reports and Council Minutes are available upon request. Please contact the Church office.**

## August Flower Chart and Bulletin's

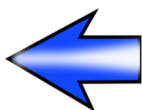
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9 Allegheny Synod & WELCA		
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## Worship Assistants

Would you like to help serve your congregation? There are many opportunities to do so by helping for just a few minutes on Sunday morning.

Thank you to those who have donated their time to serving the congregation!

<b>August Birthdays</b>		<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Srv. Cord.</b>	<b>Elev. Oper.</b>
Herbert Badorrek	8/21	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Judie Harrison	8/31	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Trenten Hartman	8/8	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Deacen Hartman	8/6			
Douglas Kauffman	8/8			
Sylvia Malsatzki	8/17			
Deborah Manbeck	8/6			
David Manbeck	8/18			
Richard Potter	8/7			
April Silva	8/4			
John Wiederkehr	8/2			
		<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Usher</b>	
		Aug	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
		Sep	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
		Oct	Volunteers of St. James TBA	



See an error? Missing someone? Please inform the church office of any corrections to the birthday list so that the computer may be corrected.



W.e.l.c.a.

**WHAT IS WELCA?** It's an easy way to say "Women's Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. WELCA exist to support women in St James congregation So if you are a woman and have never been to a WELCA meeting please join us.

#### **HOW DOES WELCA WORK?**

Over 7000 attend meetings with each congregation having their own constitution. Synodical Women organization like we have at St James exist in 64 of the ELCA 65 synod. If you are a female member of a Lutheran church or if you are not a member but are interested in our program and the purpose of WELCA then guess what? You are automatically a member of WELCA( and there aren't even any dues)

So.....St James women... join us and mark your calendar for:

**AUGUST 8. ALLEGHENY SYNOD WOMAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE. ST JAMES WELCA WILL HOST THIS EVENT:**

The Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization will meet for the 28th Annual Convention on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at St. James Lutheran Church, Altoona, PA. Each Congregational Unit needs to select a delegate to represent their unit for conducting the Business of the convention. However, ALL women are invited and encouraged to attend.

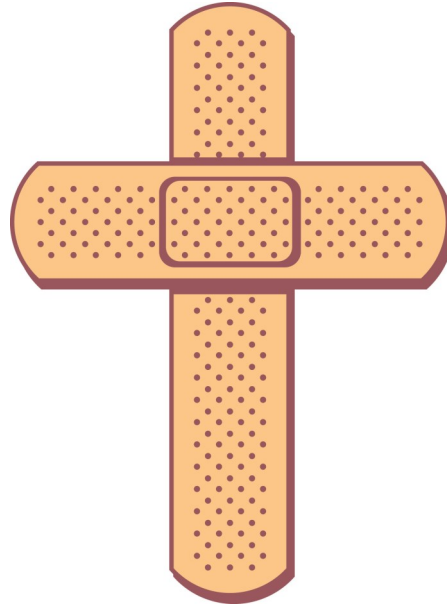
The 2015 theme is "Bring God's Gifts to Life." Our Convention Scripture is 1 Peter 4:10-"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." New Revision Standard Version.

There will be many opportunities to have fellowship with women from the Allegheny Synod. Come and be enlightened through the workshops, Bible study, and worship.

After reviewing evaluations from last year's convention, there will be a hands-on workshop for those who do not wish to attend the business session.

See Pastor Rill if unable to pay for the cost of the convention

**SPECIAL EMPHASIS:** Our Special Emphasis this year will be to give to shelters that help women and children in the Johnstown and State College area. Items requested are: Gift Cards: Giant Eagle, Sheetz, Wal-Mart, Bi-Lo and Ideal Markets. Items requested: Sweatpants & Sweatshirts-all sizes; Underclothing-all sizes; Slippers; Baby Wipes; Disposable diapers (sizes 4,5,6). Paper Products: Paper towels, Toilet paper, Napkins, Tissues. Donations of cash will also be received and shared among the shelters.



Leaders aspire to look like small boys in August. If you raise children or grandchildren, you know that by the end of August, they've been running around all summer in their shorts, sneakers and T-shirts. You also know that their knees and their elbows are always skinned, their shins always black and blue and that they have the marks of the summer's fracas on their faces. A 6-year-old boy at the end of August is my picture of a leader.

I got that picture from David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Many years ago he told me that leaders need to learn not to inflict pain but to bear pain. It seems to me that if you're bearing pain properly as a leader, whether you're a preacher, a college professor, a parent or a teacher, you ought to have the marks of the struggle. One ought to have bruised shins and skinned knees.

—Max DePree, *Leadership Jazz*

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look upon this congregation with grace. Guide the minds of our Call Committee members as they discern which of your servants will be our next pastor. Please grant that we might receive a faithful shepherd who will care for us and continue to equip us for ministry in this place. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### *Remember In Your Prayers*

#### **Our Prayer List:**

The Manbeck family  
 Louisa Marshall  
 Doug Kauffman  
 Ann Bartley  
 John Wiederkehr  
 Helen Brickley  
 Dave Bickel  
 Joe Yanke  
 Brun Hilde Badorrek  
 Janet Kauffman  
 David & Jean Bickel  
 Those serving in our military

#### **Homewood of Altoona:**

Dick Potter

#### **Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:**

Charlie Green  
 Patti Green

#### **In their own homes:**

Becky Manbeck  
 Clara Esworthy



#### **From the Office of the Bishop....**

**Pastor Frank Harpster's wife, Sharon**, is in the hospital with cardiac issues. Please remember Pastor Frank, Sharon and family in prayer.

**Rev. Dr. Marty Stevens's** mother joined the Saints of Heaven Tuesday, July 14, 2015. Please hold Pastor Marty and family in prayer.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

#### **THE VISITATION TEAM ASKS**

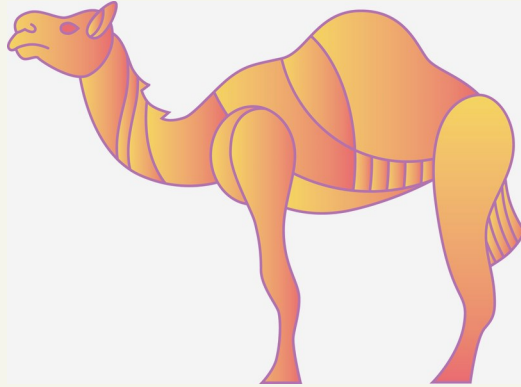
if anyone would like to be added to the Visitation List or knows of anyone who would like to be added, please call the church office to notify us. Also, please call the office if anyone is hospitalized so that the visitation team and prayer chain can be notified. These requests can also be emailed to

stjamesaltoona@verizon.net

♦ If anyone would like to join the prayer chain or knows of someone needing prayer, contact Janet Kauffman or the church office.



Remember  
your  
Offerings



## BIBLE QUIZ

Before Job's great misfortune, how many animals did he own?

- A. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 donkeys
- B. 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke of oxen and 50 donkeys
- C. 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
- D. 250 sheep and 250 goats

Answer: A (See Job 1:3.)

## Expectant waiting

When we shoot an arrow, we look to the fall of it; when we send a ship to sea, we look for the return of it; and when we sow seed, we look for a harvest; and so, when we sow our prayers into God's bosom, shall we not look for an answer? ... A sincere Christian will pray and wait and strengthen his heart with promises out of the word, and never leave till God give him a gracious answer.

—Richard Sibbes



## +Christian Symbol



### **Ox**

The ox sometimes appears in Renaissance art as a symbol for the nation of Israel. Luke the Evangelist is sometimes represented by a winged ox. In general, the ox symbolizes strength, service and patience. Jesus makes reference to oxen bearing a load when he invites his followers, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:29-30, ESV).

### **A work in progress**

A Christian is always in the process of becoming, never in the state of having become. The Christian life is not being pious but becoming pious, not being healthy but becoming healthy, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet [what we are to be], but we are becoming it. It is not yet done and has not yet happened. It is, however, going on and coming to be. It is not the end, but it is the way.

—Martin Luther

## A prayer for the persecuted

Dear Lord, we pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who live where trouble is brewing. Many suffer persecution in lands far and near. They face violence and harassment, hunger, kidnapping, oppressive laws and efforts to destroy their belief in you. Let them feel your mighty hand of love and protection as they go about their daily tasks. Let each person find strength, courage and wisdom in you. When troubles surround them, may they dwell on your sacrifice and guidance.

Give comfort to those grieving the loss or suffering of loved ones. Generously meet daily needs for shelter and food. Provide a safe worship place for those whose churches have been destroyed. Provide safe passage to those who must leave families, communities and country for new surroundings.

Thank you for allowing your children to be the remnant you hold dear. We pray these things in Christ, our persecuted but victorious Savior. Amen.

—MaryAnn Sundby

## The Lord's Day

O day of rest! How beautiful, how fair,  
How welcome to the weary and the old!  
Day of the Lord! and truce to earthly care!  
Day of the Lord, as all our days should be!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



What is a teacher, if not a mirror in which we perceive the divine image hidden in the soul? What is a teacher, if not a sower of seed and a cultivator of young gardens? What is a teacher, if not a shaper of souls and a guide who gently shows the right path for the journey? What is a teacher, if not the most hopeful of dreamers, who plants and nurtures and sees the bright destiny and harvest of the work even when the student cannot? What is a teacher, if not a shepherd watching over the flock and leading it to abundant pastures?

Dreamers and sharers of dreams, sowers of seed and guides who chart the way, mirrors of goodness and shepherds of grace — it is for these teachers and this ministry that we give abundant thanks to God.

—Author unknown

### **Prayer — it's in our genes**

I don't think prayer is merely a sociological phenomenon. I don't think it's something we do just to fit into a community or when we've exhausted all other options. I think it's hardwired into our spiritual DNA. God is the inevitability of humanity's search for true meaning.

—Jared Brock, *A Year of Living Prayerfully*

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

*"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things"  
(1 Corinthians 13:7).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the crucified and risen Christ.

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its decision announcing the right of same-gender couples to have equal access to marriage. For many members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this decision is a welcome sign of hope and a time for celebration. Other members of this church do not agree with the court's decision and remain deeply concerned because of their understanding of Scripture.

This decision affects each of us, some profoundly, and we are not of one mind. Let us continue to accompany one another with prayer, love and mutual respect as we reflect on this new reality and remember Paul's words in 1 Corinthians about the enduring power of God's love. The ELCA social statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" (2009) neither endorses nor forbids same-gender marriages and recognizes that we have differing understandings and convictions on this matter. In its decision, the court stated that "the First Amendment ensures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths."

According to this church's social statement on human sexuality, all decisions about recognizing, supporting and holding publicly accountable same-gender relationships are entrusted to congregations. Recognizing that the church is not of one mind on this subject, our 2009 actions provide that congregations and clergy should discern together whether to recognize such relationships and to what degree.

Pastors are to engage in conversation, discernment and partnership with the congregations who have called them prior to solemnizing or presiding over a same-gender marriage. On the other hand, no pastor is obligated to solemnize the marriage of any couple, same-gender or different-gender, whom the pastor cannot in good conscience marry.

As Lutheran Christians, we continue to be a church that engages in conversation and discernment in all aspects of our faith and life. Creating space for respectful conversation and dialogue continues to be an important part of our life together. A helpful resource for engaging in difficult conversations is "[Talking Together as Christians about Tough Social Issues](#)." In addition, the ELCA Ministry to and with Same-Gender Couples and their Families Working Group remains in the process of completing its work. A report of the group's findings and possible recommendations will be presented to the ELCA Church Council at its November meeting.

We seek to see our differences as a gift to be celebrated as we live out that which unites us: the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ who leads us into mission and ministry in the world. In the midst of this change, we are first and foremost church – a church that proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ. May God bless, guide and strengthen you each day as you go in peace and serve the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## THE SANDWICH GENERATION

God created the first family and placed them in the Garden of Eden. And, throughout the Bible we see God caring for and nurturing families: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Mary and Joseph.

Just as God cares for families, we are encouraged to do the same:

**Ephesians 6:2-3**—"Honor your father and mother that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

**1 Timothy 5:4**—"But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God."

But sometimes taking care of loved ones is even more challenging for adults who find themselves part of *The Sandwich Generation*—a term used to describe middle-aged adults who are caring for both young children and aging parents.

Nearly half of all American adults ages 40–59 have provided some financial support to an adult child in the past year. More than one quarter of sandwich-generation adults are the primary supporter of their adult child. And, one in five middle-aged adults has provided financial support to an aging parent in the past year.<sup>1</sup>

Financial support is just one of many ways we can look after our loved ones. Consider these other ways:

**Spiritually**—Pray for and with our family to seek God's guidance and blessing.

**Emotionally**—Spend time with family to share in the joys and sorrows of life, within the bond of family love.

**Practically**—Recognize what family members need and take action to provide for those needs.

Family is one of God's greatest blessings. Nurturing and caring for our families is an even greater blessing—to us and to them.




<sup>1</sup>2012 Pew Research Center survey.



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### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Applicants must be members of St. James Lutheran Church for at least two years previous to applying for funds.

Applicants must be voting members of St. James Lutheran Church having been confirmed and shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.

Applicants must remain active at St. James Lutheran Church in order to renew their scholarships for the following years.

If there is a year in which a loss of income occurs in the Scholarship Funds, no scholarships will be issued for that year.

The Scholarship Committee will review all submitted applications.

**Applications MUST be received in the church office by July 31<sup>st</sup> for consideration**

**Proof of Registration will be required before a scholarship is issued.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarships Available

The **Fred Haller Memorial Scholarship** is limited to \$500.00 per applicant for each academic year if fund income is sufficient for the year; otherwise 20% of the income is divided equally among all applicants.

The **Albert Mann Scholarship Fund** income for the year, is divided equally among all the applicants.

The **William C. Close Memorial Scholarship** is available for a young person who is a member of St. James pursuing a post-secondary education with a Major or Minor in Music. If you think you may qualify for this scholarship, please contact the church office for further information.

# Zacchaeus Word Search

E M G S F K V I R S R A E W G  
F L O C Y N C O R H E W V Q W  
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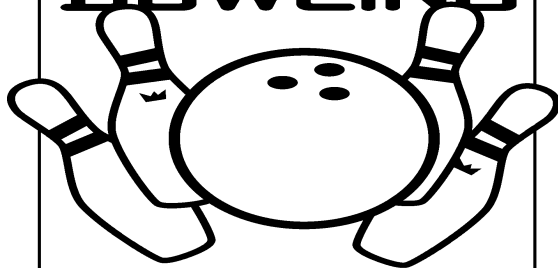
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# Kids Page

## GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



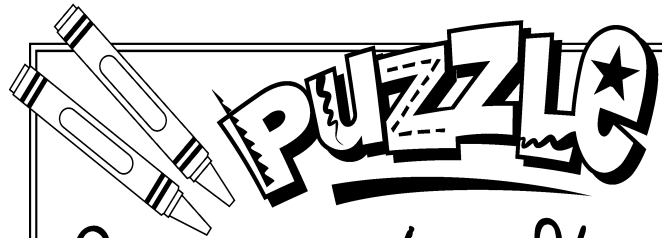
Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

### What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

### What you do:


1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.



## Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



*Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a ☐ around words describing God's actions. Draw an ☐ around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.*

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



*Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.*

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d  
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Answer: The LORD Almighty

## Daily Readings and Prayers

August 1—Matthew 17:14-20, Psalm 65

Dear Father, thank You for the gift of faith and for hearing our prayers for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes. Walter Chalmers Smith*

August 2—John 12:20-26,31-32, Psalm 117

Dear Lord, we praise You with all nations for the gift of salvation. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *It has often been my delight to approach God, and adore Him as sovereign God. Jonathan Edwards*

August 3—John 3:41, Psalm 105:37-45

Dear Jesus, thank You for being all we need for salvation. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *Our extremities are the Lord's opportunities. Charles Spurgeon*

August 4—Galatians 5:16-26, Psalm 51

Loving Father, please send Your Spirit to guide me today; in Jesus' name I pray. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *As Christ is the root by which a saint grows, so is He the rule by which a saint walks. Anonymous*

August 5—Isaiah 11:1-5, Psalm 92

Dear God, please work through me to lead others to You. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *To pray effectively, we must want what God wants. A.W. Tozer*

August 6—John 11:7-16, Psalm 51

Merciful Father, please strengthen me and give me courage to share Your love. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *It is self-importance, not our misery, that gets in His way. Daniel Considine*

August 7—Genesis 15:12-18, Psalm 13

Dearest Savior, thank You being with me at all times. You truly understand my needs. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *O Lord, forgive what I have been, sanctify what I am, and order what I shall be. Thomas Wilson*

August 8—Matthew 11:25-30, Psalm 148

Dear Savior who loves little children, let me be Your child forever. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *No man can do the work of God until he has the Holy Spirit and is endued with power. George Campbell Morgan*

August 9—John 6:60-69, Psalm 135

Dear Holy Spirit, give me courage to invite others to come to Jesus, their Savior.  
Amen.

***Quote of the Day: He who is filled with love is filled with God Himself. St. Augustine***

August 10—Hebrews 10:19-25, Psalm 111

Dear Father, send the Holy Spirit to me that I may grow through Your Word and Sacraments. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Converse as those would who knows that God hears. Tertullian***

August 11—Matthew 25:31-46, Psalm 1

Dear Savior, thank You for being righteous in our place, setting us free to follow You. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Time is given us to use in view of eternity. Anonymous***

August 12—Ruth 1:1-19, Psalm 42

Dearest Father, please help us trust in Your love and mercy as You lead us through life. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: It is not your hold of Christ that saves you—it is Christ. Charles Spurgeon***

August 13—Judges 2:6-16, Psalm 30

Thank You, God, for being my protector. Please help me always trust in You.  
Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Humility is nothing else but a true knowledge and awareness of oneself as one really is. The Cloud of Unknowing***

August 14—Jonah 4, Psalm 86

Loving Father, thank You for forgiving all of my sins through Your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.

***Quote of the Day: In every pang that rends the heart, the Man of Sorrows has a part. Michael Bruce***

August 15—1 Peter 2:11-17, Psalm 1

I praise You, Father, for setting me free from the law to follow You in love. Amen.  
***Quote of the Day: Meekness is the mark of a man who has been mastered by God. Geoffrey B. Wilson***

August 16—Acts 17:10-12, Psalm 119:9-16

Dear Father, thank You for the precious gift of Your Word, which leads us to Christ.  
Amen.

***Quote of the Day: It is a sure mark of grace to desire more. Robert Murray M'Cheyne***

August 17—John 6:28-29,35-40 Psalm 116

Dear Savior, thank You for winning my battle against sin. Please help me follow You. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Do you wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to your neighbor. John Chrysostom***

August 18—Isaiah 40:27-31, Psalm 31

Merciful God, my trust is in You. Please strengthen my faith, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: If there is joy in the world, surely the man of pure heart possesses it. Thomas A Kempis***

August 19—Isaiah 40:6-11, Psalm 107:1-16

Holy Father, thank You for giving us Your unchanging and saving Word. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but truth. Matthew Henry***

August 20—Mark 12:28-34, Psalm 51

Dear Holy Spirit, please work in us through the Word so that we may grow in faith and love. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Prosperity has often been fatal to Christians, but persecution never. Amish Bishop***

August 21—John 12:12-16, Psalm 16

Loving Savior, thank You for understanding my impatience. Please lead me in Your Holy Word. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: As long as we meddle with any kind of sin we shall never clearly see the blessed face of our Lord. Julian of Norwich***

August 22—Romans 7:4-6, Psalm 86

Dear Father, forgive me my sins and help me serve You in the freedom of Christ. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: He who wants anything from God must approach Him with empty hands. Robert C. Cunningham***

August 23—Job 7:17-21, Psalm 121

Dear God, thank You for Your loving watchfulness. Please help me trust in You. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: One fifth of all Jesus had to say was about money. Billy Graham***

August 24—Acts 8:9-24, Psalm 25

Forgiving Savior, please guide me securely in the path of truth. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it. A.W. Tozer***

August 25—Proverbs 15:13, Psalm 22:1-5, 17-24

Dear Jesus, thank You for saving me and giving me everlasting joy. Amen

***Quote of the Day: You cannot alter the will of God, but the man of prayer can discover God's will. Sadhu Sundar Singh***

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August 26—Galatians 5:13-18, Psalm 133

Heavenly Father, thank You for making us Your children. Please bless us as we serve in this place. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: I have never yet known the Spirit of God to work where the Lord's people were divided. D.L. Moody***

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August 27—2 Corinthians 1:15-22, Psalm 130

I praise you, God, for keeping all of Your promises to us for our salvation. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: It may be a secret sin on earth, but it is an open scandal in heaven. Lewis Sperry Chafer***

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August 28—Matthew 15:1-28, Psalm 131

Dearest Jesus, please help me keep my eyes on You, my true Savior. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Justification takes place in the mind of God and not in the nervous system of the believer. C.I. Schofield***

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August 29—John 14:1-10, Psalm 23

Heavenly Father, thank You for the blessings of home and family, and for always watching over us. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: If a sheep strays from his fellows, the shepherd sets his dog after it...to bring it in again; even so our heavenly Shepherd. Daniel Cawdray***

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August 30—Luke 17:20-21, Psalm 145

Dear Father, bless us in Your kingdom as we follow our champion Jesus. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Thy ways are past understanding, but Thou knowest the way for me. Dietrich Bonhoeffer***

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August 31—John 20:26-31, Psalm 19

Dear Holy Spirit, please open our eyes of faith to see our Creator and Savior. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Theirs is an endless road, a hopeless maze, who seek for goods before they seek for God. Bernard of Clairvaux***

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



We are looking for people to help volunteer for Octoberfest. We want it to be special this year and need some creative ideas. It will only consist of a couple of meetings to get it together. Please call the church office 944-6835 if interested.

The Story League, meets 8 times a year, skipping January, February, July, and August. Officially we meet at St. James the first Saturday of the other 8 months, but we have two parties a year and sometimes picnics, so we usually need the Sunday School Room 5 or 6 times in the afternoon from 2 PM to about 4. Here is our 2015-16 schedule:

October 3, 2015, November 7, 2015, March 5, 2016, April 2, 2016  
May 7, 2016

In case of something important like a funeral dinner or wedding, we can meet in the office, but prefer not to all the time since we usually use the kitchen facilities for after-meeting treats, and sometimes have a larger group than the office can accommodate comfortably.

## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

THRIVENT NORTH BLAIR CHAPTER #31389  
will be hosting one last fling before the Chapter closes.

Be our guest at RAYSTOWN LAKE for a  
PRIVATELY CHARTERED DINNER CRUISE

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 4:30PM-7:30PM

A CATERED MEAL of Pulled Pork BBQ, Hot Dogs, Meat and Cheese Platter,  
Salads and Assorted Cupcakes, and Beverages

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL AUDIO TOUR OF RAYSTOWN LAKE

ENTERTAINMENT

Cost will be Adults \$10.00  
Children ages 5-10 \$8.00  
4 and under free



Make your reservations with your church  
Thrivent Associate Member or  
call Debbie Fryer at 814-692-4892 by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Directions: \*\*\*\* NOTE.some GPS (for unknown reasons) directs you to go left from Seven  
Points Road onto Bakers Hollow Road --STAY ON SEVEN POINTS ROAD TO ARRIVE AT MARI-  
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Road do not turn off till you reach the Marina!

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IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY, please contact **Pastor James Rill** by phone at **814-880-1612** or email **LionPrJim@aol.com46**.

The church office email is [stjamesaltoona@verizon.net](mailto:stjamesaltoona@verizon.net) The church's website is [www.stjamesaltoona.org](http://www.stjamesaltoona.org)  
Find us on Facebook to get up-to-date information.



Choir Practice

We will begin again September 3rd.  
Everyone is welcome!

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

ALLEGHENY SYNOD

ANNUAL CONVENTION SAT, AUG 8 8AM

COUNCIL MEETING TUE, AUG 11 6PM

*I would like to express my sincere thank you to all the members of St. James for your generous support and encouragement, for my ride in this years BikeMS, Keystone Country Ride. I raised right around \$4,000 at the time of the printing of this newsletter.*

*Take up the Fight! Tim Surkovich, Administrative Assistant*



**Our next Pot Luck Dinner will be held August 16th.**

**DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS  
SATURDAY, AUGUST, 15.**



## Announcements and Upcoming Events

If you would like to opt-out of receiving a hard copy of this newsletter, please contact the church office either by phone or email.



**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! That is what couples overwhelmingly report is the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Now is the time to sign up for one of the fall Weekends to be sure you get the one of your choice.

The fall Weekends are:

- **September 18-20, 2015** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 16-18, 2015** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, “Loxley’s.”

Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and are designed to help you make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Currently, the registration fee is \$45 per couple; however, starting September 1, the registration fee will be going up to \$100 per couple, so register now to qualify for the lower registration fee. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and pay the \$45 registration with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

## **SAVE THE DATE... St. James' Music Camp    WHAT Is Music Camp?**

Music Camp is a creative outlet for those kids who love to sing, dance and perform. And it's a chance for parents to help their kids grow creatively in a healthy and safe Christian environment. The visible goal of the 3 night camp is for the kids to learn some new and old songs and to perform a Celebration Concert.

One does not have to be a member to participate – It's a music camp for all faiths... ALL are welcome to attend this Creative and Action-packed Summer Music Camp. It's a first for St. James Lutheran church. There's no pressure just an environment of music and fun. The camp will offer children a chance to grow and learn. Whether your child is a quiet, "behind the scenes" player or an outgoing, "center stage" star, there is a place at the camp to nurture their skill and talents!

Children will have fun singing and dancing. They will be joined by various professional musicians from our community both in their classes as well as in their public performance on Thursday night. It will be exciting to have the kids show off what they have learned. The kids will learn some new and old songs– after all MUSIC makes the world go round.

WHO... family, friends and community geared to 4th – 8th graders who LOVE to sing. Groups will be reconfigured to accommodate attendance. Come join us for a fun at our exciting summer music camp.

WHAT... Celebrate God in song...learn some new songs, sing some old songs.

WHEN ... Aug 4th, 5th and 6th from 6 to 8:30 pm.

Celebration Concert on Thursday, Aug 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm for public in the sanctuary.

Come and hear the children sing - There will also be some awesome adults from our community participating and sharing their love of music as well. Invite your family and friends.

WHERE... St. James Lutheran church on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Altoona



WHY.. Thursday Night's Celebration Concert will give all an opportunity to celebrate God in music. Proceeds from the evening will be given to the Mountain Lion Backpack Program – a local non-profit program providing food for elementary kids on weekends.

REGISTRATION FROM on line at [www.stjamesaltoona.org](http://www.stjamesaltoona.org) Limited seating. Those children who pre-register will be given a souvenir T-shirt. Cost to attend is \$5.00. Scholarships are available. Or call the church at 814 944-6835 and a form will be mailed to you.

PLEASE put Summer Music Camp Celebration on your calendar and invite all your friends and neighbors to help us celebrate kids and music.

(August 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM in sanctuary at St. James Lutheran Church on at 1407 8th Avenue in Altoona)



2015 St. James Summer Music Camp  
REGISTRATION FORM  
Aug 4 - 5 - 6, 2015 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm



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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health/Emergency Information

Health Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Plan # \_\_\_\_\_ Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other useful info that we might need to know:

1. Allergies or health issues: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Singing Experience: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tips from you that might help make the camp wonderful for your child: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please return your form by Tuesday July 28, 2015 to:  
St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1407 Eighth Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16602

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