



## *Kirchenblatt June 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.**



Friends in Christ,

Summer greetings!

No doubt most of you are doing things out of doors, taking trips, relaxing, or what ever you like to do in the summer time.

Over the years when Tere and I have traveled in the summer time we visit congregations on Sundays where ever we are staying. One time we visited a congregation and learned a lot about how NOT to welcome guests. When we entered the sanctuary and were looking for a seat someone said, "This is my pew." And then we heard, "are you a member here?"

There is nothing good that comes from telling guests they are late or this is my pew . These kinds of welcome can certainly be barriers to new people worshipping with us or becoming a part of our mission. We can and need to be guest-friendly for those who enter our sanctuary for the first time.

Here are some things we can say to our new guests:

"Glad you are here."

"Please sit with me."

"Let me introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_"

"Can I help you in any way."

"Let me help you with the service."

We may not see many visitors, but when they come they are looking for worship with God and fellowship with other Christians. We never know when someone new will be in our midst. Let us welcome them with openness and caring and helpfulness.

May you have a wonderful summer time. If you travel, visit and worship with a congregation where ever you go. Bring back a bulletin of the congregation and tell us of your experience in a new place in worshipping God in Christ.

Pastor Jim

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

## INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

### Contribution & Attendance Summary

#### May 2014

Contributions \$3,161  
Average Weekly Attendance 32

#### May 2015

Contributions \$1,896.50  
Average Weekly Attendance 26



Apr. 1, 2015 - Apr. 30, 2015

### INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,697.00
Designated	\$199.50
Special	\$35.00
Other Income	<u>\$6,550.00</u>
	\$8,481.50

### EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$3,083.02
Worship & Music	\$509.76
Office	\$1,026.48
Custodial & Property	\$1,809.49
Uncategorized	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$6,684.94

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# News and Notes from Council

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2015 AT 6:00PM

**DEVOTIONS GIVEN BY:** Pastor Jim Rill

**COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes from May 12, 2015 were read; Evelyn Holsinger made a motion to accept. Louise Marshall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**PASTORS' REPORT:** Pastor Jim and Debra Morgan attended the Allegheny Synod Assembly. Bishop Rhyne spoke about how the one word people do not want to hear is the word "CHANGE". Our Conference is now known as The Blair Huntingdon.

Two members are requesting their memberships to be transferred to Bellwood. This will be taken care of immediately.

Pastor Jim will be attending the Annual Conference of the National Association of Lutheran Intentional Interim Pastors on July 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. While Pastor is away, Pastor Barry Folmer will take over this position.

Altoona Curve Lutheran Day will be July 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have Tim list this in the bulletins and The Kirchenblatt.

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

**FINANCE:** The committee had a meeting at Kooman Associates with lunch. Most likely we will have enough funds with Wienken & Associates for approx. 2 – 2 ½ years before getting into the Kooman money. We had a loss of investments from putting stock into bonds. This should not have been done. Marty will check and give us some suggestions now that he knows our future plans. He will get back to us in a few weeks.

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

Jean Bickel requested to be taken off the Finance Committee due to health issues.



## News and Notes from Council

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Pastor Jim will again be sending out a letter inviting everyone to our Church Picnic on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We need to tell Tim that hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee and rolls are provided by the church. We will also have him put a signup sheet to list what you are bringing to the picnic. No potluck dinner will be held in June, the picnic will take its place. We will have our potluck on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Mark gave us info on the new phone plan. Ralph changed the light bulb in the office and fixed the office door bell. We had discussions on installing a bathroom of the first floor of the Rectory. This is due to disability requirements. The downspout on the front of the church is being looked into by Bill Dambeck for possible repair. We are checking into putting marked parking spaces in the parking lot. Mark already checked with Dave Mallow for some information.

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

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE:** Ralph is still checking the pipe organ issues.

**MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:** No report.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** Mark reported they need to schedule a committee meeting for the New Congregation Constitution.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tim has updated committee members. New Laptop has been purchased and currently being setup. Silk flowers for the Alter have been donated and we now have a summer arrangement in place. Next will be the fall arrangement. Tim will send out letters to the Congregation inviting them to return to worship.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tere Rill would like to have a Summer Music Camp here at St. James for August 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A performance would be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed to help with the Music Camp. Tere will do a flyer and try to send out some postcards. The proceeds will go to the Mountain Lion Back Pack Program for Junior High Kids Weekend. This is for grades 4 thru 8. The time would be 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. We will try to get as many people as possible to participate in the program. The cost to the church would be approx. \$1,000.00. (This would be under church events.) Shirley Manbeck made a motion to accept the Music Camp. Evelyn Holsinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.



## News and Notes from Council

There were discussions to hold church services in the Sunday School room for the summer months, because on the air conditioning. Also, it was asked what about the winter months with the heating bills?

Shirley Manbeck handed in her resignation effective as of May 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. At this time she is retiring but still wants to continue her services as a volunteer. We accepted this with regret. Thank You Shirley !

Oktoberfest, we do want to have this event this year, but we need to reach out and find a different group to host this for St. James. Social Ministry will check around to look for someone to chair this event. Robin Kessler's name was mentioned. Evelyn will look into this for us.

Alter Guild Procedures need to be followed. Bread and Wafers should be available at all services. This way we will please everyone.

**WEBPAGE AND YOU-TUBE OF MUSIC:** Tim will want pictures, Pastor's messages and choir music. If we want to grow, sometimes this means changes!

Pastor Jim gave out to all members, the booklet "Nine Traits of Church Bullies". He asked that we all take it home to read, we will discuss it at the next Council Meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mark received an invoice for \$101.99 plus taxes and fees for two years from Verizon for our update with the phones.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Betty Boslet made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dana Detwiler seconded the motions. The motion carried. Council voted by standing.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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.**

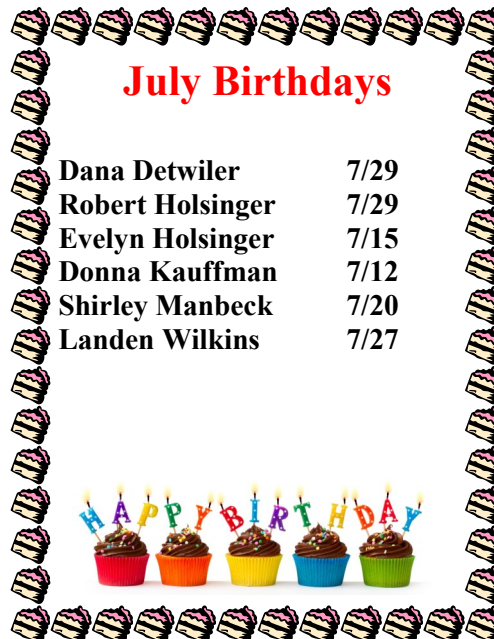
## July Flower Chart and Bulletin's

	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Niches</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
5			
12			
19	Tom and Ann Bartley IMO John Bartley		
26			

## 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!



## July Birthdays

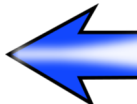
Dana Detwiler	7/29
Robert Holsinger	7/29
Evelyn Holsinger	7/15
Donna Kauffman	7/12
Shirley Manbeck	7/20
Landen Wilkins	7/27



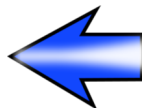
	Altar Guild	Srv. Cord.	Elev. Oper.
Jul	Shirley Manbeck	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Aug	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Sep	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	

	Greeters	Usher
Jul	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Aug	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Sep	Volunteers of St. James TBA	



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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:

July 11 Graystone Villa Breakfast. Bring a friend!

**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.

The Convention agenda is listed on the next page. 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.



**Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization**

Twenty-Eight Annual Convention  
 St. James Lutheran Church, Altoona, PA  
 Saturday, August 8, 2015

**DELEGATE INFORMATION FORM**  
**COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM BY JULY 15, 2015**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CONGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_ CONGREGATION # \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN/CITY \_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

Since we would like to encourage inclusivity, we ask that you please indicate  
 Ethnic/Racial Heritage:

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_\_ Asia  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Primary language other than English (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DELEGATE**

- A. Attend all business sessions.  
 B. Report on the convention to congregation and  
 congregational/intercongregational unit.

**Please return this form to:** Jeanne Fleegle, 697 Messenger Street,  
 Johnstown, PA 15902  
 (814) 535-1916 [fleeglej@verizon.net](mailto:fleeglej@verizon.net)

**NOTE:** If the Delegate named above is unable to attend, a letter from the Congregational President (or other officer) authorizing another person to serve as a Delegate should be presented at the Registration Area by the person who has been designated as the new Delegate.

**A REGISTRATION FORM MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRAR FOR THE DELEGATE** so there is an accurate count for printed materials and the meal. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.**

**CONVENTION AGENDA**

8:00 – 9:00 AM	11:45 AM
Registration, Refreshments,	Bible Study (for ALL)
8:30 AM	12:30 PM
Delegate and Worship Orientation	Meal and Fellowship
9:00 AM	1:30 PM
Opening Worship/Holy Communion	Workshop #1
9:45 AM	2:15 PM
Introduction of Guests/Presentations	Workshop #2
Business Session	3:00 PM
11:00 AM	Closing Worship/Installation of
CWO Representative Presentation	Officers and Board Members

**Menu**

*Baked Chicken Breast*  
*Salisbury Steak*  
*Parsley Potatoes*  
*Mixed Vegetables*  
*Rolls*  
*Cakes*  
*Beverages*

*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....**

**Rev. Tim Knauss'** mother, Ethel Knauss, joined the Saints of Heaven today, June 17. Please hold Pastor Tim and his family in prayer.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to 1981 Cove Mountain Rd., Martinsburg, PA 16662.

We will send details of the arrangements as they are known.

#### **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](mailto: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.

## Thrivent Financial listed on FORTUNE 500 list for the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year

Hollidaysburg, PA (June 16, 2015) For the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year, Thrivent Financial has been named to *FORTUNE* magazine's FORTUNE 500 list. In the May 2015 issue the organization is listed at 333 on the annual ranking. The ranking is based on Thrivent's 2014 revenue of \$8.5 billion. Thrivent was also classified by *FORTUNE* as the sixth-largest mutual life/health insurance organization in the United States.

"Being named to the FORTUNE 500 list is one way we demonstrate our relative size and strength as an organization," said FR Name, a Title with Thrivent. "It is affirmation of our commitment to success and the value we are able to provide our members."

Thrivent Financial is represented in the local area by Andrea K. Paul. She has offices at 1301 Allegheny Street, Suite 124 in Hollidaysburg and can also be reached at (814)-695-3496.

### About Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. As a membership organization, it offers its nearly 2.4 million member-owners a broad range of products, services and guidance from financial representatives nationwide. For more than a century it has helped members make wise money choices that reflect their values while providing them opportunities to demonstrate their generosity where they live, work and worship. For more information, visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com). You can also find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thrivent) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/thrivent).

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**A.M. Best affirms Thrivent Financial's A++ (Superior) rating with stable outlook**

*Agency cites favorable operating earnings, market position and high quality capital structure*

Hollidaysburg, PA (June 16, 2015) – A.M. Best has affirmed Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' A++ (Superior) rating as well as its stable outlook. The A++ (Superior) rating is the highest of the ratings agency's 16 ratings categories.

A.M. Best cited Thrivent Financial's prominent market presence within the Christian community, favorable trend of operating earnings, superior risk-adjusted capitalization, prudent asset liability matching and solid enterprise risk management practices. The agency also cited Thrivent Financial's high quality capital structure. Ratings like this continue to demonstrate Thrivent's ability to meet policyholder obligations remains strong.

"I'm proud to be part of an organization that consistently receives high ratings from agencies like A.M. Best," says Andrea K. Paul, a financial representative with Thrivent Financial. "This rating demonstrates our organization's strength and stability, as well as its ability to fulfill its promises to members."

The ratings reflect Thrivent Financial's overall financial strength and claims-paying ability, but do not apply to the investment performance of investment products.





## Sign of Life

In summer 2003, I received news that my 95-year-old grandmother, a faithful follower of Jesus, had died. Right afterward, my husband and I took our two young girls outside to catch our breath — only to find a special symbol of new life waiting for us.

On the porch railing sat a strange-looking, wriggling lump. Upon closer investigation, we saw a tiger swallowtail emerging from its cocoon — body still plump and wings still wet. Before the huge butterfly tried out its wings and flew away, we had a few moments to take photos of it with our daughters.

We still marvel at the timing. We had named our baby after Grandma, but they hadn't yet met. A stunning creature, sent just when we needed it, reminded us that "baby Carrie" would meet Grandma Carrie someday in heaven, where we'll all be made new.

—Stephanie Martin

## Closer and closer

The progression — Father, Son, Spirit — represents a profound advance in intimacy. At Sinai, the people shrank from God and begged Moses to approach him on their behalf. But in Jesus' day, people could hold a conversation with the Son of God; they could touch him and even hurt him. And after Pentecost the same flawed disciples who had fled from Jesus' trial became carriers of the Living God. In an act of delegation beyond fathom, Jesus turned over the kingdom of God to the likes of his disciples — and to us.

—Philip Yancey, *Disappointment With God*

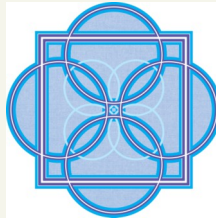
## Life at the table

I have found that this life  
is short enough and long enough  
to laugh at honest clowns  
and to weep at requiem,  
to break bread with a beggar  
and to accept a gift from a king,  
to walk with a child at her pace  
and to stretch to the step of the wise.

This life with all its graces  
is a table spread for feasting.  
A Host who asks our presence has meat and bread  
and brimming cup we can never taste  
until we take them into ourselves with costly pledge.  
Some look through the window and walk by,  
while life is at the table.

—William Hogg

### +Christian Symbol+



### Quatrefoil

The word *quatrefoil* comes from the Latin for "four leaves." A quatrefoil in art or architecture is the outline of four partially overlapping circles of the same diameter. In Christian tradition, it represents the writers of the four gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — which overlap one another partially but not entirely, and are equally important to our understanding of Jesus.

## A God-created super star

“God made ... the greater light to rule the day ...” (Genesis 1:16, NRSV). The first biblical description of Creation reveals that God made the sun – a truly amazing body of light.

At the sun’s center (where the temperature reaches 15 million degrees!), every second, 600 million tons of hydrogen fuse into 596 million tons of helium. The 4 million “missing” tons become sunshine, making life on earth possible. The sun’s magnetic field (which reverses direction every 11 years) and the resulting sunspots and solar flares impact the earth in ways most of us rarely think about.

Writes Dennis Overbye in the *New York Times*: “In all of recorded history, as far as scientists have been able to tell, the sun’s output has varied by only a tenth of a percent.” If the sun were more volatile, like many stars, earth would either burn up or freeze at regular intervals.

As you spend time outside this summer, give thanks for this bright marvel that God designed.

### Bible Quiz

Which two spies urged the Israelites to move into Canaan, opposing the other 10 who were afraid? (Hint: We know one of the two willing spies by the new name Moses gave him.)

- A. Shaphat and Igal
- B. Hoshea and Caleb
- C. Gaddi and Gaddiel
- D. Shammua and Nahbi



Answer: B (See Numbers 13:6, 8, 16, 30; 14:6-8.)



## **On vocation? Use GPS!**

Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on *vocation* – following his call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our “calling,” Frederick Buechner said, is “where [our] deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

But is there a GPS for *vocation*? It’s not as detailed or predictive as we’d like. It doesn’t name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up “recalculating” our life route more often than our vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This “GPS” might stand for *God’s Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve!* The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide’s calm voice and continue on vocation.

—Heidi Mann



## **Communing with God**

After Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969, pilot Buzz Aldrin requested via radio that people pause to give thanks for the achievement in their own way. When his broadcast ended, Aldrin read a verse from the Gospel of John and took communion, which his church had sent to space with him.

“It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements,” the astronaut said. “At the time, I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God.”

## **A new song**

In *Scribbling in the Sand* (InterVarsity Press), Christian musician Michael Card says the greatest encouragement for a songwriter comes not from receiving awards but from singing a new song for the very first time.

Many psalms reflect the thrill and excitement of singing a new song, Card notes. “By announcing at the opening of the psalm that it is in fact ‘new,’ the psalmist is reaffirming that, like the tender mercies of the Lord, so too the call to be creative has been given anew to the community by God. It is a fresh outpouring and, like the manna, should never be hoarded but rather collected and distributed in the right amount to feed God’s people.”

# Bible Word Search

C Y U V M S S G I C E B S D P  
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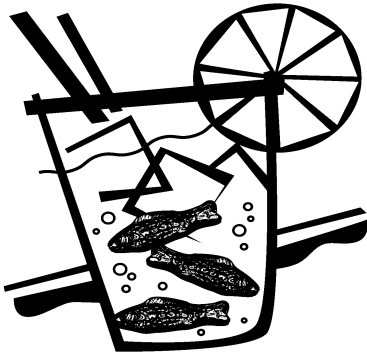
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 STORY  
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 TESTAMENT  
 TRUTH  
 VERSES  
 WRITERS



## KIDS PAGE

OCEAN  
WATER


After a busy summer day, relax in the shade with this cool drink.

**What you need:**

- 3 Tablespoons water
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 drops blue food coloring
- 24 oz. (2 cans) lemon-lime soda
- Clear cup or glass
- Ice
- Swedish Fish candy

**What you do:**

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the water and sugar. Heat for 1 minute. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture into a pitcher. Add coconut extract, food coloring and soda. Stir.
3. Pour into cup. Add ice and fish. Enjoy!










# PUZZLE

## UNDER THE SEA

This summer, consider God's marvelous creation under the sea.



*Directions: Write the animal names on the blanks. Then use the circled letters (they may not be in the right order) to create a new word from Psalm 148:7, NIV. Finally, match the words to their numbered blanks below.*

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PSALM 148:7, NIV

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 Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures. Psalm 148:7, NIV

## Daily Readings and Prayers

July 1—Genesis 3:1-15, Psalm 67

Lord, thank You that “from that tree of Jesus’ shame Flows life eternal in His name”.

Amen

***Quote of the Day: Some read the Bible to learn, and some read the Bible to hear from heaven. Andrew Murray***

July 2—Exodus 12:1-13, Psalm 76

Father, “I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God...Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: The Bible is a window in this prison-world, through which we may look into eternity. Timothy Dwight***

July 3—Leviticus 16:6-22, Psalm 9

Dearest Jesus, “Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me, Are taken at Your table...In blessed reality”. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Meditation is holding the Word of God in the mind until it has affected every area of one’s life and character. Andrew Murray***

July 4—Numbers 21: 4-9, Psalm 24

Dearest Jesus, “My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary...Hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away”. Amen

***Quote of the Day: The union of men with God is the union of men with one another. Thomas Aquinas***

July 5—Deuteronomy 30:11-20, Psalm 111

Lord of Life, “Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing Whatever You command”. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: After winter comes the summer. After night comes the dawn. And after every storm, there come clear, open skies. Samuel Rutherford***

July 6—Joshua 21:43-45, Psalm 77

O gracious Father, “You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure”. I trust in Your unfailing promises of life and salvation in Christ. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: See that you are not suddenly saddened by the adversities of this world, for you do not know the good they bring. John of the Cross***

July 7—Judges 2:11-22, Psalm 103

Heavenly Father, in Christ You have shown “Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!” to all Your beloved children. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: The world rings changes; it is never constant but in its disappointments. Thomas Watson***

July 8—Ruth 2, Psalm 147

Lord Jesus, "I will today on Your love rely;...Knowing all I need From Your kindness springs". Amen.

**Quote of the Day: *The only significance of life consists n helping to establish the kingdom of God. Leo Tolstoy***

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July 9—2 Samuel 12:1-13, Psalm 51

Lord, on You I cast my burden—Sink it in the deepest sea! Let me know Your gracious pardon, Cleanse me from iniquity.. Amen.

**Quote of the Day: *God's fingers can touch nothing but to mold it into loveliness. George MacDonald***

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July 10—Nehemiah 9:1-17, Psalm 86

Gracious and merciful Lord, Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?. Amen.

**Quote of the Day: *May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day. Kate B. Wilkinson***

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July 11—Esther 4:1-16, Psalm 116

Dearest Jesus, thanks be to Thee that, as our Pascal Lamb, Thou has full atonement made.. Amen.

**Quote of the Day: *Think through me, thoughts of God. Amy Carmichael***

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July 12—Job 19:23-29, Psalm 108

Thanks be to God that He lives, and I shall conquer death. Amen.

**Quote of the Day: *O God, never suffer us to think that we can stand by ourselves, and not need Thee. John Donne***

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July 13—Proverbs 8:12-31, Psalm 418

Lord God, I praise You, for From the cross Thy wisdom shining, Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might. Amen.

**Quote of the Day: *No matter how many pleasures Satan offers you, his ultimate purpose is to ruin you. Your destruction is his highest priority. Erwin Lutzer***

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July 14—Ecclesiastes 12:9-14, Psalm 22

Thank You, Jesus, for offering finished Once for all when You were slain,...Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain. Amen.

**Quote of the Day: *The glory of God...is the real business of life. C. S. Lewis***

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July 15—Isaiah 53:1-10, Psalm 71

Lord Jesus, Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole. Amen.

**Quote of the Day: *His love in times past forbids me to think, He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink. John Newton***

July 16—Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 2

Heavenly Father, remember not our sins' dark stain for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Our heavenly Father never takes anything from His children unless He means to give them something better. George Muller***

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July 17—Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 136

Lord Jesus, thank You that Your love for me never ceases and Your faithfulness never ends. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words be without heart. John Bunyan***

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July 18—Ezekiel 36:22-33, Psalm 143

Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: When we turn our backs on the poor, we turn them on Jesus Christ. Mother Teresa***

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July 19—Daniel 7:9-27, Psalm 93

O Eternal Father, thanks be to You through Christ that our vict'ry has ben won and the Kingdom ours remaineth. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: A guilty mind can be eased by nothing but repentance. Benjamin Whichcote***

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July 20—Hosea 6, Psalm 56

O Father, what You ordain is always good...For after grief God gives relief, My heart will comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: The righteousness of Jesus is the righteousness of a Godward relationship of trust, dependence, receptivity. Michael Ramsey***

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July 21—Joel 2:12-27, Psalm 145

Father, for Jesus' sake, Let me know Your gracious pardon, Cleanse me from iniquity. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: All earthly delights are but 'streams;' but God is the ocean. Jonathan Edwards***

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July 22—Amos 5:4-15, Psalm 139

O Lord, through conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek Your face...For Your Son has suffered for me. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire Thee with our whole heart. St. Anselm***

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July 23—Book of Obadiah, Psalm 57

Heavenly Father, I come to You weary, worn, and sad; for You have promised me a resting place, and You have made me glad. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Faith is the sight of the inward eye. Alexander Maclaren***



July 24—Jonah 3:3b-10, Psalm 108

Gracious Father, Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child. Amen

***Quote of the Day: Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible. Corrie Ten Boom***

July 25—Micah 7:7-20, Psalm 23

Thank You, Father, for the height of Jesus' love Higher than the heav'ns above, Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity! Amen.

***Quote of the Day: The first and great work of a Christian is about his heart. Jonathan Edwards***

July 26—Nahum 1, Psalm 32

Lord, thanks be to You for Jesus, who from heav'n above to earth came to bear good news to all mankind. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Spiritual growth consists most in the growth of the root, which is out of sight. Matthew Henry***

July 27—Habakkuk 2:1-4, Psalm 11

Gracious Lord, because By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless, sustain my faith to depend on Your grace in Christ alone. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Patience is the companion of wisdom. St. Augustine***

July 28—Zephaniah 3:14-20, Psalm 12

Dearest Jesus, Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child yet a king!...Now Thy gracious kingdom bring, in Your Word and Sacraments. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: When a man has no strength, if he leans on God, he becomes powerful. D. L. Moody***

July 29—Haggai 2:20-23, Psalm 33

Oh Jesus, Born of Mary,...Word made flesh, our elder brother, let Your Word be a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: It is trial that proves one thing weak and another strong. Henry Ward Beecher***

July 30—Zechariah 9:9-17, Psalm 38

O Father, thank You for sending Your Son, the bright jewel of Your crown, from sin and sorrow to set me free. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Hope can see heaven through the thickest clouds. Thomas Benton Brooks***

July 31—Malachi 4:1-5, Psalm 72

O Lord, I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless for I triumph still if Thou abide with me! Amen.

***Quote of the Day: God tries our faith so that we may try His faithfulness. Anonymous***

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



Pastor Jim will be on vacation July 6 thru July 14.  
Pastor Barry Folmar, First Lutheran, will cover for him. His cell is 814-360- 4771,

We are looking for people to help volunteer for Oktoberfest. 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.



Pastor Jim and Debra Morgan recently attended the Allegheny Synod Assembly, June 4-6, as delegates for St. James.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



*A special thank you to Pastor Jim for his visits to the hospital for Dave when he had his heart attack. Also thank you to all of you that sent get well cards and the phone calls Dave received.*

*Love and Prayers  
Dave and Jean Bickel*

### Dining on a Dime



Monday July 6th

12:00-1:30 PM

Lunch Free, Provided by PB Catering

Bethany Lutheran Church

200 3rd Avenue, Altoona PA

Save Money!



Everyone loves a great home-cooked meal, but by the time you've purchased all the ingredients, your grocery bill has added up! This Dinner on a Dime Workshop will help you learn money-saving techniques to keep your belly full, as well as your wallet.

Register Now!

[HTTP://www.diningonadimehopecenter.eventbrite.com](http://www.diningonadimehopecenter.eventbrite.com)

**Altoona Curve Lutheran Day will be July 12th. More information available in the office and coming on the webpage.**



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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:

WELCA	SAT, JUL 13 9AM
ALTOONA	
STORYTELLERS	SAT, JUL 13 2PM
COUNCIL MEETING	TUE, JUL 14 6PM



degree May 16, 2015.

Eric and Julia Wilt, their family and members of St. James would like to offer Congratulations to Ethan Van Wilt upon his completion of Bachelor of Arts in Politics, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Juniata College! Ethan received his

Ethan will be attending by choice, Penn State Law School on full scholarship in August! He will be studying to become an attorney! As many of you may know, Ethan is a 4 year letter recipient of the Juniata Eagles football team, where he was honored for the National Football Foundation's, Central Pennsylvania Chapter and College Football Hall of Fame as a Scholar Athlete!

Keep him in your prayers and thank you for the cards and continued support! May God bless!



POTLUCK DINNER

**Our next Pot Luck Dinner will be held July 19th.**

**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS  
WEDNESDAY, JULY, 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.

### Graduates

**Anyone in your family graduating from high school, technical school or college? Please let us know, Pastor Jim or Tim, our Administrative Assistant, in the office.**



## **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 6th – 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**



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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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