



# Kirchenblatt September 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.**

My friends who are campers tell me that in the wilderness short-term strategies are needed to ensure long-term survival. They tell me that each day is critical and time cannot be wasted. In the wilderness you need a good map, a lot of trust, a willingness to put up with the nervousness of people who are on the trail for the first time and, above all, the help of a good guide.



The guide for a congregation in transition, such as St. James, is the Intentional Interim Minister which is yours truly. Sitting around the campfire with your congregation, I am here to be your pastor: to perform weddings and funerals, to administer the sacraments, to give pastoral counsel and care, to tend to the administration of the church and to faithfully preach and teach the word of God. I trust that I am serving for you in this way.



But there are five stories the I need to help you discover: the story of your own history; the story of your denominational family; the story of leadership; the story of mission and vision; and the story of your next pastor, which is the story whose ending is yet to be written. I will outline one format for the hearing the story of your own history.

**The first story to be told is always that of the congregation's own history.** Each pastor's term in a congregation is a chapter in a congregation's history and is unique unto itself. The longer the chapter, the more history there is to describe.

Our congregational council will have a retreat in September, date to be determined, at which we will begin to share some of the history of St. James such as names, dates and events that members feel were important. This will include times we want to remember and find a way to also share the things that we may wish to forget.

These things are not to be judgements of any pastor or member, but to share what experiences had a significant impact on each member, the congregation and the ministry of St. James. The hope is that we can begin the process of affirming what is good and meaningful at St. James and what needs to be let go as part of the past. Council will share what they believe is important for you to hear. My hope is that we might include as many members as possible in sharing the history in the weeks ahead. Often our reaction to change is to feel a sense of loss; we think about what has gone away, not about what is coming. And if we focus on what was, we become caught up in the past and not focusing on the present and future that the Lord is calling us.

If you would like to attend the council retreat that will be less than one day and held at St. James, please let me or Mark Hoover know.

Blessings to us all as we continue to strengthen our ministry together with our Lord Jesus Christ. May we have a wonderful coming together in this new season.

In partnership in Christ with you,

Pastor Jim

**Pastor Jim**

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Intentional Interim Pastor

St. James Lutheran Church, Altoona

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

## INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

### Contribution & Attendance Summary

July 1, 2015 - July 31, 2015

#### July 2014

Contributions \$3,158  
Average Weekly Attendance 33

#### July 2015

Contributions \$2,995.50  
Average Weekly Attendance 25

### INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.04
Contributions	
General	\$2,820.50
Designated	\$175.00
Special	\$35.00
Other Income	<u>\$12,070.00</u>
	\$15,100.54

### EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$4,120.32
Worship & Music	\$479.76
Office	\$2,727.86
Custodial & Property	\$400.25
Uncategorized	<u>\$217.08</u>
	\$2,983.27



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# News and Notes from Council

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2015 AT 6:00PM

**PASTORS' REPORT:** Pastor Jim reported on continued visitations.

He gave a report on leading the worship service at the Lutheran Home in Hollidaysburg and was pleased with the large attendance.

He plans to attend the PSU outreach on campus on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Hopes are that the outreach will attract some of the college students to join us in any number of ministries or service.

He recently did a house blessing for the Manbeck's.

Pastor reported on the success of the music camp and thanked all those involved. He also mentioned that the church has collected \$370.35 for the backpack program for kids associated with the music camp,

Pastor will be attending the Bishop's Convocation in September.

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

Discussion took place on reimbursement for the gift cards Pastor purchased for the musicians that participated in the music camp. Ralph will be handling this from the proper fund.

**FINANCE:** An email and phone calls were made to committee members with 3 possible dates for a meeting with Kooman Associates. When all have replied to Mark and a consensus is made the meeting will be scheduled.



# News and Notes from Council

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Pot Luck Dinner will be held Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the next one scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. For the August date Evelyn will be looking into pricing for Ox Roast from Holland Brothers, depending on the pricing it will be decided whether or not to provide the meat or just have everyone just bring a dish. The Octoberfest committee will meet Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Ideas and people are still needed. A number of council members volunteered to help in many ways. Ralph will be checking into the music endowment fund to see if funds can be used for music for the event. Discussion took place on opening Octoberfest to the public, reservations, charging for admission and advertising in the Altoona Mirror religious notes section. This will all be discussed at their upcoming meeting.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Bill Dambeck acquired 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, as well as the chimney on the church. Approval to continue is still needed once council has some questions answered.

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

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE:** This committee is in need of a chairperson. Pat McConnell talked to all members by phone, Hymns are picked through November, and choir start date practice is set for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, with singing for service starting September 6<sup>th</sup>. We need to know date for Harvest Home Sunday (if having one) and if we are involved in Octoberfest/date.

The pipe organ repairs will be completed in the fall once the weather changes.

**MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:** A meeting was scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> but needs to be rescheduled. Pastor Jim will be setting up the meeting.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** It was reported that the By-Laws are complete but need to be inputted into the computer, printed for the members to re-read for final approval. A meeting will be set for fall.



# News and Notes from Council

**OLD BUSINESS:** Pastor Jim suggested the council retreat brought up at the last council meeting take place September 27<sup>th</sup> after service. Retreat to be completed by 4pm. A motion to accept the date was made by Evelyn Holsinger and seconded by Donna Wilt. The motion carried. The old laptop has been setup and in use for Ralph Grove. The silk flower arrangements are still in the works. Mark was not available to give us an update on the MP3 recorder, to be utilized to record Pastor's sermons for the webpage. Music camp was mentioned again with nothing but good comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pastor will be composing another letter to be sent out to the entire congregation encouraging them to return to worship and attend Octoberfest. Once release forms are obtained from those featured in the Music Camp DVD, Tim will be editing it to feature key moments for our church website. The proposal for \$3,000 of concrete/pointing work for the church was discussed but still requires more information before approval can be given to proceed. The scholarship program that was advertised in the bulletin was discussed and council had decided back in the fall of 2014 that this program would be suspended for 2015 but the information was not passed on to the new administrative assistant resulting in an error in advertising. Council decided that Mark Hoover would send letters of explanation and apologizes to those that applied. A request was made by the youth group chairperson on how much money is in the account and would like more information on how this money is to be utilized. Pastor Jim distributed a handout on a new group his wife Tere would like to start on women's issues that would meet at St. James every Tuesday from 11:30-1:30, beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be NO cost to the church. They will be running a 3 month trial period to see how accepted and successful the program is. Betty Boslet made a motion to allow the program to run at St. James, Donna Wilt seconded. Motion carried.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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.

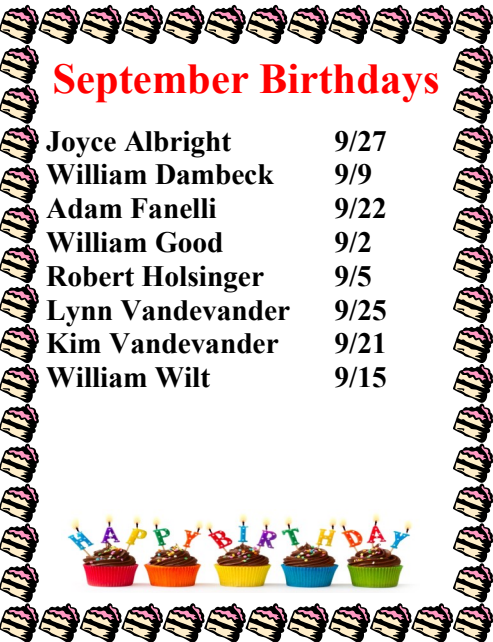
# September Flower Chart and Bulletin's

	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Niches</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
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20	IHO Dave and Jean Bickel's Anniversary		IHO of Dave and Jean Bickel's Anniversary
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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!



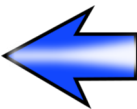
### September Birthdays

Joyce Albright	9/27
William Dambeck	9/9
Adam Fanelli	9/22
William Good	9/2
Robert Holsinger	9/5
Lynn Vandevander	9/25
Kim Vandevander	9/21
William Wilt	9/15



	Altar Guild	Srv. Cord.	Elev. Oper.
Sep	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Oct	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Nov	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	

	Greeters	Usher
Sep	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Oct	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Nov	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 next meeting:

September 5th 9AM

Dear Friends,

This spring you, the churches of the Allegheny Synod, worked together as part of the Kenya Motor-bike Challenge. I am happy to announce that together we have raised \$12,500 to purchase motorbikes for our sisters and brothers in the KELC. I hope you can celebrate this as a wonderful accomplishment. I hope you will share this with your congregations and extend my thanks to them for all they did to make this happen, and for their continuing prayers for our sisters and brothers in Kenya.

I have pasted below a message from +Bishop Zacharias Kahuthu, bishop of the KELC. He truly appreciates all you have done and how it is a sign of our unity in Christ. Please feel free to share this.

*Bishop Michael Rhyne*

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Now's the time when children's noses  
 All become as red as roses  
 And the color of their faces  
 Makes me think of orchard places  
 Where the juicy apples grow,  
 And tomatoes in a row.

Come then, find your ball and racket,  
 Pop into your winter jacket,  
 With the lovely bear-skin lining.  
 While the sun is brightly shining,  
 Let us run and play together  
 And just love the autumn weather.  
 —Katherine Mansfield

### **A prayer for uncertain times**

An hour before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, pastor and author Stan Purdum was reading Psalm 66, which includes the words, “We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place” (v. 12, NRSV). After watching the destruction, Purdum composed a prayer that remains relevant today, as terrorism and threats often make peace seem more “specious” than “spacious”:

O God of heaven and earth, who's bigger than nations and factions, be with us as we live through times of terror, despair and danger. Be the strength of people who've been touched personally by disaster. Come with healing to those who are injured. Be the eternal rest of those who've died. Be the energy, compassion and fortitude of those who must pick through the wreckage. Grant our leaders courage and a double portion of your wisdom. The day of universal brotherhood seems farther off than ever, O God, but help us not despair of trying to accomplish it. Strengthen our faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*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....**

Colleagues,

I would ask you to say a prayer for one of our brothers in Christ. President of the Missouri Synod, Rev. Matthew Harrison, lost his house to an accidental fire this week. Fortunately, all of the family got out without harm, though one of their pets is suffering from smoke inhalation. Though the home is apparently a total loss, we thank God that there was no loss of life. Please join me this Sunday in thanking God for the delivery of President Harrison and his family from injury. Though we may not always agree with our sisters and brothers in the LCMS, I know you will agree that we should pray for them, and all people in times of loss and tragedy. Thank you for remembering our sister church (though they may not consider themselves to be such) in prayer this week.

God bless and may Jesus who is the bread from heaven bless you now and always.

In Christ

+Bp. Michael

### **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.

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

Prayers for the following ...

**Pastor Suzanne Morelli, her husband Nick Morelli** (member of the Finance Committee) and family as Nick's mother passed away.

**Pastor Susan M. Winger and her family** as Pastor Susan's step-mother passed away in Florida and as the family travels to Florida.

**Pastor Ron and Gloria Reed** for continued strength.

**Pastor Lynne O'Shea** (recently called to First, Johnstown) for healing from bumps and bruises resulting from a car accident.

**Pastor Sherrie Hofmann** as she will have foot and ankle surgery on August 10 in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

**Pastor David and Emily Weinhold** as they celebrate the birth of their daughter Hope Elizabeth. Hope was born six weeks early and is currently in Conemaugh, but is doing well and the family is hopeful she'll be home soon.

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Pastor Kelly (Baxter) Ketchum (former pastor of St. Paul, Pine Grove Mills) and her family**, as they celebrate the birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace, on Monday, August 3 at 10:20 AM. Mom, baby and family are doing well.

## BIBLE QUIZ



When Jesus was on his way to heal a young girl, who touched his clothing, and why?

- A. The girl's father, to urge Jesus to hurry.
- B. A boy; he was in awe of Jesus and just wanted to meet him.
- C. Many people; they couldn't help it because it was so crowded.
- D. A woman in the crowd; she hoped that doing so would heal her.

Answer: D (See Mark 5:25-29.)

## **Bible Word Search:**

### **PLAGUES OF EGYPT**

Y K F D A K N I N J I U T H X  
I G C O A L W P K J B F K K E  
L F K O G R J A P X R S G G E  
S S N L T P K E O R G C K M G  
D E I B N S A N H U X S Z Q S  
G A L O X D E O E H R O Q F J  
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Z S L A H H W Z Y X O Q A D V  
T I J W R V Q X B U N E U K N  
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WATER INTO BLOOD

GNATS

DEAD LIVESTOCK

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DARKNESS

FROGS

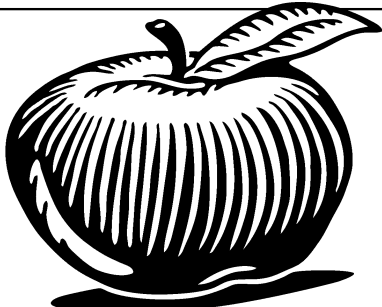
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BOILS

LOCUSTS

FIRSTBORN DEATH

# Kids Page



## After-School snack

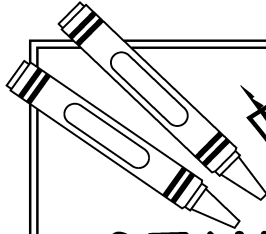
Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

### What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

### What you do:

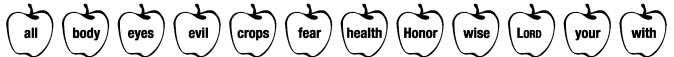
1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!















## STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

**Directions:** Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.



Do not be  in your own  ;  
 the  and shun  .  
This will bring  to your   
and nourishment to  bones.  
 the LORD  your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

## Daily Readings and Prayers

September 1—Joshua 6:12-20, Psalm 119:137-44

O Holy Spirit, help me understand and trust Your promises. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *The use of riches is better than their possession. Fernando De Rojas*

September 2—Samuel 2:1-10, Psalm 118:17-29

Lord of Life, thank You for raising me from the death of sin to Your eternal life.

Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *God is the judge of all social systems. Oscar Romero*

September 3—Timothy 3:1-7, Psalm 132

Dear Lord, bless our pastors. Use them to feed Your flock. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *This is a wise sane Christian faith: that a man commit himself to God;...that therefore that man ought not be afraid of anything. George MacDonald*

September 4—2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Psalm 119:33-40

Dear Lord, let us know the sufficiency of Your grace even in our suffering. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *If we do not have quiet in our minds, outward comfort will do no more for us than a golden slipper on a gouty foot. John Bunyan*

September 5—Romans 1:8-17, Psalm 119:41-48

Dear Lord, teach me the full power of Your salvation. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *Let us learn to cast our hearts into God. Bernard of Clairvaux*

September 6—Isaiah 55:1-11, Psalm 122

Lord, grant me patience that I may truly listen to You. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God. Leon Bloy*

September 7—Romans 12:1-13, Psalm 112

Dear God, accept my life and labor as my thankful gift to You. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *There has never been, and cannot be, a good life without self-control. John Milton*

September 8—Matthew 6:19-34, Psalm 4

Thank You, dear Lord, for Your Kingdom, Your righteousness, and all the bonuses You keep giving me. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *One sees great things from the valley; on small things from the peak. G.K. Chesterton*

September 9—Genesis 7:17—8:1, Psalm 119:169-74

Lord, when it feels as though my future is uncertain or troubling, remember me and save me. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Elisha A. Hoffman*

September 10—Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 6

Dear Jesus, thank You for the joy of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of life everlasting. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: I'm standing on the promises of God. R. Kelso Carter***

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September 11—Isaiah 35:1-7, Psalm 27

Dear Lord, protect us from harm and remove our anxiety. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. Edward Mote***

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September 12—John 20:19-23, Psalm 46

Dear Lord Jesus, grant us Your Peace always. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: The things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. Helen H. Lemmel***

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September 13—Ephesians 2:11-21, Psalm 100

Dear Lord, thank You for my church. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: The world has advanced to the very door of the church, and is seeking to draw even saints of God into its grasp. Watchman Lee***

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September 14—John 12:27-33, Psalm 40

Dear Lord Jesus, draw me to You by Your Word, that I may learn and never forget Your glorious salvation. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: It is so stupid of modern civilization to have given up belief in the devil when he is the only explanation of it. Ronald Knox***

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September 15—Isaiah 1:11-20, Psalm 85

Dear Jesus, though my sins be like scarlet, wash me that I may be white as snow. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory! Oh, glorious victory that overcomes the world. John H. Yates***

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September 16—Hebrews 2:10-18, Psalm 8

Dear Father, thank You for adopting me. Help me to live today as Your obedient child. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors. African Proverbs***

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September 17—Ephesians 4:17-32, Psalm 20

Our Father, hallowed be Thy name. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: It will do us good to be very empty, very weak, very distrustful of self, and so to go about our Master's work. Charles Spurgeon***

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September 18—Colossians 1:1-14, Psalm 14

Dear Father in heaven, Thy kingdom come. Amen

***Quote of the Day: Quit all, strip yourself of all, and you will have all in God. Gerson***

September 19—Job 1:13-22 Psalm 37:1-11

Our Father in heaven, Thy will be done. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: God aims to exalt Himself by working for those who wait for Him. John Piper***

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September 20—Exodus 16:1-8, Psalm 105:23-45

Our Father, give us this day our daily bread. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: We must not trust every word of others or feeling within ourselves, but cautiously and patiently try the matter, whether it be of God. Thomas A Kempis***

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September 21—Matthew 9:1-13, Psalm 119:65-72

Our Father, forgive our trespasses. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: When remembrance of God lives in the heart...then all goes well. Theophan The Recluse***

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September 22—Galatians 2:15-21, Psalm 119:73-80

Our Father, lead us not into temptation. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: The secret of contentment is the realization that life is a gift, not a right. Anonymous***

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September 23—Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, Psalm 119:81-88

Our Father, deliver us from evil. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: The grace of God is infinite and eternal. As it had no beginning, so it can have no end. A.W. Tozer***

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September 24—Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 50

Our Father, accept our loud “Amen” to Your gracious good Word. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Sin is the dare of God’s justice, the rape of His mercy, the jeer of His patience, the slight of His power, and the contempt of His love. John Bunyan***

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September 25—Matthew 26:36-46, Psalm 119:97-104

Lord, teach us to pray. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior. John Newton***

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September 26—2 Corinthians 5:11-21, Psalm 119:1-8

Thank You, dear Lord Jesus, for taking away my sin and trading me Your righteousness. Amen.

***Quote of the Day: Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou, who changest not, abide with me. Henry Francis Lyte***

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September 27—2 Thessalonians 2:13-17, Psalm 99

Dear Lord, bless us with Your presence. Amen

***Quote of the Day: God’s greatest gifts come through travail. F.B. Meyer***

September 28—1 Peter 3:18-22, Psalm 104

Lord, I am dying and I am living in a world that is dying. Keep me in Your life.. Amen

**Quote of the Day:** *Envy of another man's calling can work havoc in our own.*

**Watchman Nee**

September 29—Revelation 12:7-12, Psalm 91

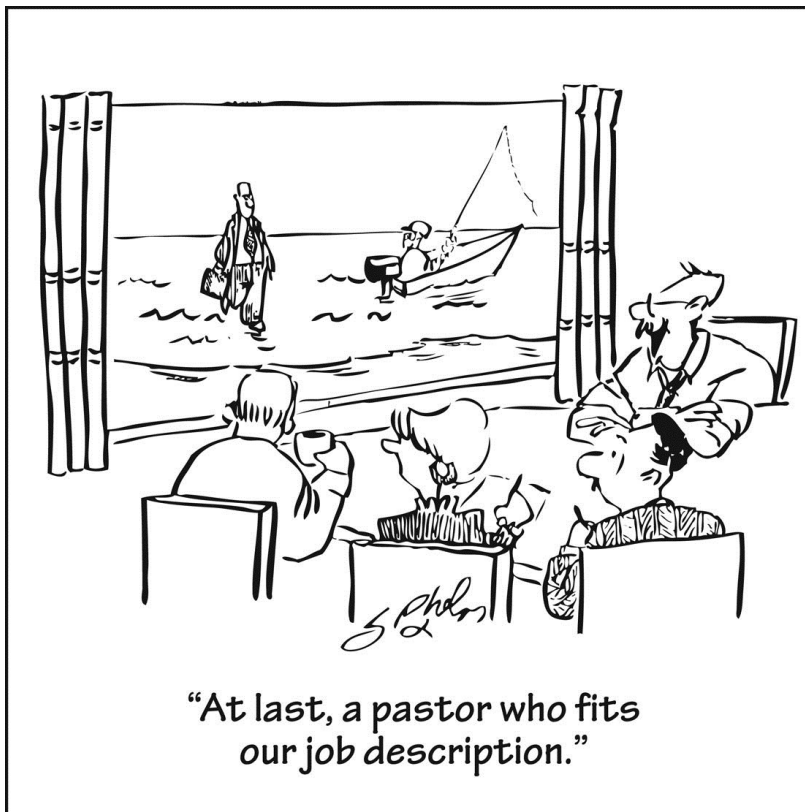
Dear heavenly Father, let Your holy angel be with me. Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *The fact that Jesus Christ is to come again is not a reason for star-gazing, but for working in the power of the Holy Ghost. Charles Spurgeon*

September 30—James 4:1-10, Psalm 90

Please Lord, may we have even more? Amen.

**Quote of the Day:** *As we draw nearer to Christ, we shall be drawn nearer to His people. G.T. Manley*



# 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, Here is our 2015-16 schedule: October 3, 2015, November 7, 2015, March 5, 2016, April 2, 2016 May 7, 2016 2PM-4PM



**Our next Pot Luck Dinner will be held September 20th.**



Choir Practice

We will begin again September 3rd.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

COUNCIL MEETING TUE, SEP 8 6PM  
COUNCIL RETREAT SUN, SEP 27

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Oct. 31, 2017, will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany – an act that sparked the Lutheran Reformation. A little more than a year before the anniversary, on **Aug. 10-13, 2016**, we will be hosting the **Grace Gathering** in conjunction with the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. Please **save these dates** now and **make plans to attend** the [Grace Gathering](#).

This special event will give Grace Gathering attendees and Churchwide Assembly voting members an opportunity to come together in kicking off the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary! There will be fruitful workshops and keynotes to inspire planning for local observances, time to worship and participate in experiential learning activities, as well as opportunities to gather with voting members of the ELCA throughout the Churchwide Assembly.

I also invite and encourage you to become involved even now in the ELCA's observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation by visiting and bookmarking [ELCA500.org](http://ELCA500.org), a growing hub of resources, events and news surrounding preparation for the observance. You also can follow current developments on Facebook at [ELCA Reformation 500](#).

Please look for more information on the **Grace Gathering** in the coming months! Early bird registration will open on **Oct. 31, 2015**. I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans in August 2016!

Grace and peace to you,

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



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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** The church's website is **www.stjamesaltoona.org**  
Find us on Facebook to get up-to-date information.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE AND HOW IT RELATES TO YOU TODAY!**

**YOU are invited for some networking, and fun with bible study. NETWORKING 101 SAYS...MEET AS MANY WOMEN AS POSSIBLE AND SHARE. BUSINESS WOMEN, MOMS AT HOME AND RETIRES – ALL WELCOME AND NEEDED**

**Having that opportunity is now available EVERY TUESDAY from 11:30 to 1:30 pm at St. James Lutheran Church on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Altoona. LUNCH, SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, NETWORK and LEARN**

## **THE SCHEDULE, HOPEFULLY MEETS ALL OF YOUR EXPECTATIONS**

We will start with a networking half hour. BUSINESS partners are invited to come early, set up a small display and talk about your business. Those ladies who work may come at whatever time works for their lunch hour. We will start our short bible study/worship at 12 noon – start with some singing, communion and bible study. We will each bring a sandwich/salad and perhaps a sandwich to share in case someone forgets their lunch. WE will eat during our bible study. Those who need to leave to get back to work or home are welcome to do so at their own schedule. Those who are able to stay and do some more networking are invited to do so. WE WANT TO MAKE THIS FUN!

**ALL ARE WELCOME... PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND.**

WE, AS INDIVIDUALS, COULD PROVIDE A RIDE FOR A FRIEND WHO CAN'T DRIVE.

**ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS A GREAT VENUE FOR NETWORKING.**

**WE WILL PROVIDE COFFEE AND COLD DRINK**

**SPREAD THE WORD....**

DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL MARY KAY FRIEND, OR TUPPERWARE FRIEND OR A SMALL BUSINESS THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM A FRIENDSHIP LUNCH?

**WE WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR. COME LEARN WHERE CHRISTIAN WOMEN ARE TODAY.**

**RSVP TO [CHEERTR1@AOL.COM](mailto:CHEERTR1@AOL.COM) WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND RESERVATION.**

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**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.

Additional Announcements:

## COUNCIL RETREAT

Sunday, September 27, 12 noon-4 pm

Interested in attending? Contact Mark Hoover or Pastor Jim

## PASTOR ATTENDING BISHOP'S CONVOCATION

Monday, September 21– Wednesday, September 23  
Antioch Village, Ligonier, PA

***DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE  
KIRCHENBLATT IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 15.***

### ***Church Council Members***

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