



Kirchenblatt November 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.**

GIVING THANKS - - - - - THANKS GIVING

“Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians. 9:7 (RSV)

- People give to people, not to budgets.
 - People give to people when they are invited to give by people they trust.
 - People give to people who ask for a gift for a specific mission.
 - People give when they feel that they have participated in the choice of the cause.
 - People give when they can see that the gift directly helps people.
 - People give out of generosity, not from what they can afford to give.
- People give the way they live, sometimes informal and spontaneous, not formal and planned.



- People resist giving when pushed to give in a way that does not match the way they live.
 - People do not give generously out of obligation.
 - People resist giving when they do not feel they have really participated in the choice of the cause.
- People are less generous when there are no compelling “people pictures.”

Spontaneous Giving

Many acts of generosity and charity happen on impulse. Someone identifies a worthwhile cause. The person sharing the invitation has the mutual trust, respect, credibility, and confidence of the congregation. The invitation touches people's compassion and they give generously.

Seasonal Giving

People give in relation to how they receive their income. When people received their cash in little brown envelopes each week the weekly church envelope was invented. The period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, with its spirit of giving, is a seasonal pattern. Lent is a season that traditionally lends itself to “self denial” giving.

OUR GIVING THANKS AND THANKS GIVING is our response to God's love for us.

The ministry of Christ's church relies on our thanks giving for God's love to be known to our congregation, the larger church and the world. As we GIVE THANKS this THANKSGIVING, let us consider our THANKS GIVING for Christ's ministry through our church.

Happy Thanksgiving to us all,
Pastor Jim

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Intentional Interim Pastor
St. James Lutheran Church, Altoona

\$\$\$ Financials \$\$\$

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Contribution & Attendance Summary

September 2014

Contributions \$6,068.26
Average Weekly Attendance 27

September 2015

Contributions \$2,260.00
Average Weekly Attendance 25

September 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.23
Contributions	
General	\$2,030.00
Designated	\$230.00
Special	\$35.00
Other Income	<u>\$48,500.00</u>
	\$50,795.23

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$1,754.58
Worship & Music	\$678.20
Office	\$1,476.37
Custodial & Property	\$683.91
Uncategorized	<u>\$47,035.00</u>
	\$53,425.27



\$\$\$ Financials \$\$\$



News and Notes from Council

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2015 AT 6:00PM

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Jim read to us the “The Lutheran Seal “and how Martin Luther describes The seal he created.

CHURCH MINUTES: Minutes from September 8, 2015 were read and approved. Betty Boslet made a motion to accept. Louisa Marshall seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Several visits to the sick were made including Dave Bickel, Helen Brickley, Dorie Hoover. Mark updated us on his mother's progress. Hopefully she will be home by the end of the week.

Pastor attended the Bishop Convocation on September 21-23rd and it was well attended.

The Retreat held on September 27th for Church Council was attended by all and went very well. Several discussions were talked about past and present.

A wedding was held here at St. James on September 17th for the Barr's.

Pastor is working on sharing some functions with Bethany and Pastor Drew McCaffery.

Blair/Huntingdon Conference will be held on October 20, 2015 at First Lutheran Church. Bishop Michael had a paper that he wanted Pastor to pass out to the Council listing the different topics that were going to be discussed at this conference. Mark Hoover and Pastor Jim will attend. Everyone is welcome!

Pastor reminded us the Allegheny Corale will be here on December 6th at 3:00pm. It is St. Nicholas's Day and Pastor Jim will be St. Nicholas and maybe hand out some treats.

Evelyn Holsinger made a motion to accept. Donna Foster seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark reported the Wienken account is getting low and he estimates that we probably only have enough there for about one and a half years. Discussion followed. Louisa Marshall made a motion to accept. Donna Wilt seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**



News and Notes from Council

FINANCE; Mark still needs to schedule an appointment with Marty Kooman's office. Tere Rill showed some interest on being on this committee. Church Audit forms were given to Ralph Grove. Next meeting schedule for October 26th at 6:00.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY: Evelyn Holsinger reported on the Octoberfest being held October 25th after church. Desserts are needed. We plan on having approximately 40-45 in attendance. WELCA SUNDAY is November 15th and it will be a catered lunch. This will take place of the pot luck dinner in November. In December, the pot luck dinner will be December 13th.

PROPERTY: Cement work is completed. A light needs to be replaced at the end of the porch. Evelyn Holsinger will check with Bob Holsinger.

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM: A meeting was held after church on October 19th. All were present.

A report was given to all council members. In the future we are going to try to do work on some of the topics listed below briefly.

- (1) Comedy show with Pastor John Telyea
- (2) Bearing of Witness for the Master
- (3) Using our musical talents
- (4) Films and discussions
- (5) Inspirational Talks

We could do some of these things in the church service or hold them on a Friday evening or Sunday late afternoon. Discussion followed.

Pastor will call Pastor John Telyea for the first function and see what his schedule would allow. Also, Pastor would like us to work on a brochure/flyer for the church. Putting in all of the activities that we have going on in our church.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Ralph Grove still waiting for the pipe organ repairs. Thanksgiving Service on November 26th at 10:00/with Mark Hoover. This should be put in the bulletins, Kirthenblatt and Altoona Mirror religious section.



News and Notes from Council

Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 7:30. Candelabras need to be put up before Christmas. Christmas Decorating on 28th November/heavy things and complete on December 4th before the Allegheny Corale. Forms for poinsettias flowers in memory of or honor of are needed to put into the bulletins, Kirchenblatt and Altoona Mirror's religious section.

Reminder for all chairpersons to turn in their committee reports relating to ministry with changes or purchases as soon as possible. These will be needed before the Congregational Meeting on November 8th. Also, a budget proposal will be needed before the meeting. Louisa Marshall made a motion to accept. Evelyn Holsinger seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE: No report.

By-LAWS COMMITTEE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Earl is working on the flower arrangements. MP3 recorder is here and working. Youth Group Money not moved yet. Mark will take care of this soon. WELCA SERVICE will have communion.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark will check on Council members whose term is up and who will be returning. Tim also wants to REMIND everyone that DEADLINE for info is needed by 15th of each month. Please try to get your info into him before that date.

It was discussed about doing something for Shirley Manbeck. Suggestions were offered and Ralph Grove will take care of this for us.

Ralph is still trying to go through the files and clean them out.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ralph Grove received a letter from Lois J Pulcinello/Myers Bros. Florist. She is retiring as of October 31st, 2015. The last delivered date will be October 24th, 2015. She suggested Amanda Benton from Vicki's Florist at 937 - 1st Avenue, Altoona, PA. Phone 944-4566. She will be happy to accommodate us with flowers at the same price.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Louisa Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Evelyn Holsinger seconded the motion. **The motion carried.** Council voted by standing.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. 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.**

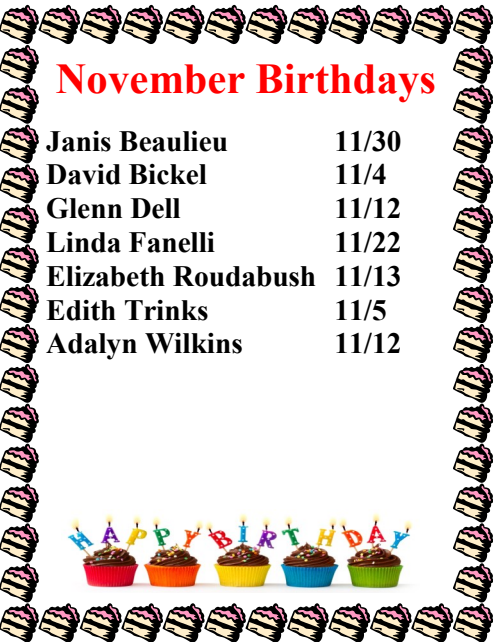
November Flower Chart and Bulletin's

	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Niches</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
1			
8	IMO Donna Collins From Phyllis Spinazzola		
15			
22	IMO Marian Muller From Robert and Marian Holsinger		
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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!



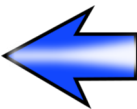
November Birthdays

Janis Beaulieu	11/30
David Bickel	11/4
Glenn Dell	11/12
Linda Fanelli	11/22
Elizabeth Roudabush	11/13
Edith Trinks	11/5
Adalyn Wilkins	11/12



	Altar Guild	Srv. Cord.	Elev. Oper.
Nov	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Dec	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Jan	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers of St. James TBA	

	Greeters	Usher
Nov	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Dec	Volunteers of St. James TBA	
Jan	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 of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH in AMERICA" Quite a mouthful, I know. St James organization includes women who gather in 7,000 locations all over the U.S. and the Caribbean. Women come together for service, study, advocacy, fellowship, and much more. WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.



St James women will provide for the congregation a small Christmas tree to fill with new **gloves and hats**. We need all of your help during the month of October and November. Winter will be here soon. Give from your heart, to some one who has no hat or gloves. Share your blessings and show your love.



November 15 St James will celebrate our yearly THANKS"service. Women of this congregation will do parts of the morning worship service while the men sit and listen. Sounds like a good idea. Bring a friend, relative or a neighbor. Immediately after church a catered LUNCH will be provided by WELCA of St James congregation. Come and join us for a day of "THANKS".



December 12 The WELCA Christmas Party will be held at Marzoni's in Greenwood at 12:30PM

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

November 14th, 9am

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
 Susan Boston
 Dorie Hoover
 Those serving in our military



Homewood of Altoona:

Dick Potter

Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:

Charlie Green
 Patti Green

In their own homes:

Becky Manbeck

From the Office of the Bishop....

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.

Dear Friends,

Many of us have seen the devastation caused by the flooding in South Carolina (SC). I invite you to join me in responding. Bishop Herman Yoos of the SC Synod has told us that the best way to respond right now is by financially supporting the emergency response work being done through Lutheran Disaster Response and through the SC Synod Office.

I am asking all the congregations of the Allegheny Synod to AT LEAST one Sunday between now and November 22 (Christ the King Sunday) take up a special offering for Flood Relief in SC. You may want to do this once, or, you may decide to do a continual gathering of funds to help our sisters and brothers in need. I would also ask you to report what you gather to Michelle in the Synod Office, so we can have an idea of what we are able to do when our Synod works together.

Many of you have connections to SC. It is a popular vacation spot, many of us have friends and family who live there, there are many Lutherans, and some of us did our Seminary and internship in these very communities that have been flooded. We have lots of connections. Let us take the time to respond and help our sisters and brothers in need.

Offering collections can be forwarded to Lutheran Disaster Response at the following address

<http://www.elca.org/Home/Our%20Work/Relief%20and%20Development/Lutheran%20Disaster%20Response/Our%20Impact/US%20Flooding>

Offerings can also be sent to directly to the SC Synod office who will forward those funds directly to the aid agencies working in the communities. Subject line for checks should be "Flooding Relief"

South Carolina Synod Office, ELCA
1003 Richland St
Columbia, SC 29201

Thank you for your consideration. We are also in dialogue with colleagues in South Carolina about bringing mission teams down to help assist with the cleanup. The folks on the scene in SC (the Synod Office and Emergency Services) have instructed us that the best thing to do now is Wait. Once emergency management services are able to get in and fully understand the extent of the damage they will begin to call for volunteers. That call should begin by the end of the month, but will continue well into next year. We will keep you informed as plans are made for groups to go south to help with the cleanup effort.

In Christ,
+Bishop Michael



Bible Word Search: TRIBES OF ISRAEL

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REUBEN
JUDAH
GAD
ZEBULUN
MANNASSEH

SIMEON
DAN
ASHER
JOSEPH
BENJAMIN

LEVI
NAPHTALI
ISSACHAR
EPHRAIM

(Genesis 29:32-30:24; 35:18). Levites are the priestly tribe, not one of the 12 tribes.
Joseph's sons each fathered one of the 12 tribes.

Source: Bible Book of Lists at SusanCAnthony.com

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Kids Page

Thankful Hearts


Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.



PUZZLE

With all my heart

This Thanksgiving — and every day —
let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

I	a	W	I	d	L	d	L	G	e
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p	R	e	D	W	a	I	T	H	A
h	L	L	t	M	b	Y	d	H	E
A	R	b	T	d	I	W	I	f	L
g	L	T	E	b	L	c	L	O	J
F	z	A	L	y	L	Y	O	g	U
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“ _____
_____, _____,
_____; _____
_____”

PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

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Sun		Mon		Tue	
1	1 END TIME 10:45am Worship Service	2	Council Meeting 6:00 PM	3	4
8	2 END TIME 10:45am Worship Service Congregational Meeting Following Worship	9		10	11
15	3 END TIME 10:45am Worship Service WELCA Worship Service WELCA Luncheon Following Worship	16		17	18
22	4 END TIME 10:45am Worship Service Christ the King, Communion	23		24	25
29	1 ADVENT 10:45am Worship Service	30			

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November 2015

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5 Choir 7PM	6	7 Story League 2PM-4PM
	12 Choir 7PM	13	14 WELCA 9AM
	19 Choir 7PM	20	21
	26 Thanksgiving Service 10AM Mark Hoover Presiding	27	28 Help with moving heavy boxes for decorating for Christmas the next weekend- 10:00am

Daily Readings and Prayers

November 1—Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 121

Lord Jesus, I am the poor in spirit, but through Your cross, You give me the kingdom of heaven. Amen

Quote of the Day: To be in Christ is the source of the Christian's Life. Charles Hodge

November 2—Corinthians 1:10-18, Psalm 117

Blessed Jesus, You are God's gift to mankind; I am not, nor is anyone else. Let me worship only You. Amen

Quote of the Day: The very essence of Christ's deliverance is the substitution of Himself for us—His life for ours! Horatius Bonar

November 3—1 Kings 19:9-21, Psalm 23

Lord Jesus, though I may feel afraid and alone, You comfort me. You are always with me in Your Word and Sacraments. Amen.

Quote of the Day: A Christian's life should be nothing but a visible representation of Christ. Thomas Brooks

November 4—Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 5

Dear Lord, when I want signs and wonders, You reassure me that I have all I need in Your Word and Sacraments. Amen

Quote of the Day: Real holiness has a fragrance about it which is its own. Father Andrew

November 5—1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 29

Lord, let me always know the joy of being Your child. Amen.

Quote of the Day: I beg You to come into my heart, for by inspiring it to long for You, You make it ready to receive You. St. Augustine

November 6—Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 111

Heavenly Father, You shower me with blessings, and the Bread of Life, despite my grumbling. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Wisdom requires a surrender, verging on the mystical, of a person to the glory of existence. Gerhard Von Rad

November 7—Ezekiel 33:7-20, Psalm 14

Lord Jesus, lead me to rejoice that, though I am a sinner, You value me so much that You gave Your life for mine. Amen.

Quote of the Day: It is in mercy and in measure that God chastises His children. John Trapp

November 8—Mark 12:38-44 Psalm 13

Dear Jesus, You are my absolute certainty in a world of uncertainty. Amen

Quote of the Day: He is nearer than our own soul, closer than our own most secret thoughts. A.W. Tozer

November 9—Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 73

Lord God, let me never doubt Your promises to me, even when life makes me unsure. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Has God commanded something? Then throw yourself back on God for the means to do what He has commanded. Watchman Nee

November 10—Job 38: 1-11 , Psalm 40

Lord Jesus, You are so big, but I thank You for becoming so little to save me from my sin. Amen.

Quote of the Day: He that sees the beauty of holiness...sees the greatest and most important thing in the world. Jonathan Edwards

November 11—John 3:1-17, Psalm 136

Gracious Lord, thank You for our veterans and the freedom we enjoy because of their sacrifice. And blessed are we that our Lord Jesus sacrificed Himself for our eternal freedom. Amen.

Quote of the Day: The measure of a man is not how many servants he has but how many he serves. D.L. Moody

November 12—Philippians 3:4b-14, Psalm 53

Dear Jesus, help me take the focus off myself and brag about You to all who will hear. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn. John Wesley

November 13—2 Corinthians 4:5-12 , Psalm 119:89-96

Lord God, use this jar of clay to spread the treasure of Your Gospel to all the other jars. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Hope is the power of being cheerful in circumstances which we know to be desperate. G.K. Chesterton

November 14—Ruth 1:1-19a, Psalm 116

My Jesus, through Your death You have given so much life to all believers. Amen.

Quote of the Day: A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering him to whom the gift is given. Julian of Norwich

November 15—Mark 13:1-13 , Psalm 150

Dear Lord, help me remain faithful until the end that I might enjoy paradise for eternity. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Out of the suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the massive characters are seared with scars. E.H Chapin

November 16—John 15; 9-17, Psalm 112

Dear Lord Jesus, help me rejoice in Your great act of obedience and love on the cross. Amen.

Quote of the Day: No soldiers of Christ are ever lost, missing, or left dead on the battlefield. J.C. Ryle

November 17—Acts 1:12-26, Psalm 6

Dear Jesus, I am weak, but You are strong. Amen.

Quote of the Day: There is no other method of living piously and justly than that of depending upon God. John Calvin

November 18 —Luke 14:24-35, Psalm 81

My Savior Jesus, thank You for being fully committed to me and for giving Your life for mine. Amen.

Quote of the Day: A firm faith in the universal providence of God is the solution to all earthly problems. B.B. Warfield

November 19—Ephesians 3:1-12, Psalm 119:105-112

Heavenly Father, thank You for the mystery revealed in Your Son, Jesus. Let me cling to this mystery always. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Whatever a man seeks, honors, or exalts, more than God, this is the god of idolatry. William Ullathorne

November 20—2 Peter 1:16-21, Psalm 144

Lord God, thank You for giving us the light of Your Word in the darkness of this world. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Obedience means marching right on whether we feel like it or not. D.L. Moody

November 21—Zephaniah 3:14-20, Psalm 91

Dearest Jesus, help me to take some quiet time to ponder Your quiet love for me. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Holy obedience...mortifies our lower nature and makes it obey the Spirit. St. Francis of Assisi

November 22—Isaiah 51:4-6, Psalm 65

Lord Jesus, You comfort me with Your visits in the past, present, and future. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Obedience is the child of trust. John Climacus

November 23—Romans 6: 1-11, Psalm 1

Gracious Lord, thank You for killing my old Adam in Baptism and raising up a new man who is redeemed. Amen.

Quote of the Day: I do not want merely to possess faith; I want a faith that possesses me. Charles Kingsley

November 24—1 Corinthians 3: 10-14, Psalm 28

Dearest Jesus, You gave Your life for my sin. Help me keep You as the foundation of my life, as You are the foundation of the Church. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Thanksgiving is good, but thanks-living is better. Matthew Henry

November 25—Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 , Psalm 77

Heavenly Father, I may not have all the answers, but I have Your promises in Christ. Amen

Quote of the Day: The best way to show my gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems with joy. Mother Teresa

November 26—Isaiah 43: 1-4, Psalm 30

Gracious God, You bless me with all I have, especially eternal life in Your Son. Comfort me with Your presence through the good times...and the bad Amen.

Quote of the Day: Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. John Henry Jowett

November 27—Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Psalm 88

Lord Jesus, thank You for enduring the horror show of the cross to rescue a horror show like me. Amen.

Quote of the Day: Gratitude is born in hearts that take time to count up past mercies. Charles Edward Jefferson

November 28—1 Kings 21:1-4, Psalm 2

Lord God, help me to proclaim Your saving message to all, boldly, without changing it. Amen.

Quote of the Day: It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our last day. Matthew Henry

November 29—Matthew 21: 1-11, Psalm 22

Lord Jesus, You come in weakness and humility to rescue me, the outcast. Thank You. Amen

Quote of the Day: I was not born to be free. I was born to adore and to obey. C.S. Lewis

November 30 —Matthew 24:37-44, Psalm 51

Dearest Jesus, help me to focus on You this season so I'll be ready for your coming. Amen

Quote of the Day: Carry the cross patiently and with perfect submission, and in the end it shall carry you. Thomas A Kempis

Announcements and Upcoming Events



THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

10 am, November 26, 2015



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2015, 7:30 pm.

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Sunday December 6 at 3PM
St. James Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Altoona

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

COUNCIL MEETING	NOV 2	6PM
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	NOV 8	11:30AM
WELCA	NOV 14	9AM

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

REMINDER AND IMPORTANT

***BULLETIN ADDITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER
THAN TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM.***

***For corrections, please contact the church
office secretary Tim Surkovich, I'm in the office
Monday-Thursday 9-1.***

******IF AN ARTICLE FOR THE KIRCHENBLATT CANNOT
BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH, PLEASE
CALL AND RESERVE A SPACE FOR YOUR ARTICLE SO
THAT THE KIRCHENBLATT CAN BE FORMATTED AHEAD
OF TIME TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR ALL THE CONGREGA-
TIONAL NEWS. ******

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

***DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE
KIRCHENBLATT IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 15.***

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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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

28th November - Help with moving heavy boxes for decorating for Christmas the next weekend, December 5th-10:00am

5th December - Decorate the Church for Christmas – 10:00

6th December - Allegheny Chorale - 3:00PM

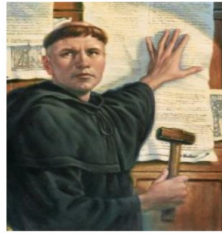
13th December - Pot Luck Dinner, Following Worship

24th December - Christmas Eve Service – 7:30PM



Choir Practice
every Thursday 7PM
Everyone is welcome!

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



Reformation Sunday 2015

Dear Friends,

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you this Reformation Sunday. This is a day we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit. In 1517, the Spirit broke out through Martin Luther and the Reformers and began the process of reforming and recalling the Church to the one who is her center, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The heart of the Reformation was reminding us of all that Christ has done for us. We are not saved by our own action. We cannot earn, nor do we deserve salvation based on what we do. However, in the tender compassion of our God, Jesus Christ gave himself for us on the cross. He did this so that we would know our sins are forgiven in him and we might have eternal life through him. This life and salvation is the gracious and merciful gift of God in Jesus. Our response can only be one of thanksgiving and working to follow our Lord Jesus.

Because of what Jesus has done, we therefore can be people led by the Spirit to share his love and mercy with all who are in need. Our work as Christians, who have received such mercy, is to share mercy and love in response to all that we have received. We are not earning his favor, we are responding to his love by sharing that love with the world.

We gather today and every Sunday to worship and thank our Lord. We are strengthened and renewed to go out there, into the world. Jesus calls us to carry that love and mercy of Christ with us. Jesus calls us to feed the hungry, help the needy, care for the suffering. Jesus calls us to be people of mercy because he was first merciful to us.

I pray that you will know that Christ is at work in you. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are using your heart and your hands to be part of the work of loving and caring for our world. On this Reformation Sunday, may our hearts be re-formed to make us people of mercy who share the love of Jesus. We know that there are so many who need it beyond the walls of this place. May God bless and keep you now and always.

In Christ

+Bishop Michael Rhyne



BIBLE QUIZ

Of what ethnicity was the one leper out of 10 healed who returned to thank Jesus?

- A. Syrophoenician
- B. Samaritan
- C. Syrian
- D. Judean

Answer: B (See Luke 17:16.)

Ladies decorate their pumpkins, during the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study/Women's Group - having fun!



35,000 members, 116 Congregations, 7 counties...

We are the Allegheny Synod



The Allegheny Synod is you, it is us, it is God's people in the congregations of the ELCA that have been called together, to follow Jesus in these Allegheny hills and valleys.

When you think about the Synod, the best place to look is at each other. Our Synod is your congregation and members, matched with the other 115 congregations across our region. Each of our congregations, or ministry sites, are different. Some are small family churches; some are larger multi-staff congregations; some operate in partnership with other congregations to form 2, or 3, or 4-point parishes. We may look different, but God has called us in our various sizes and configuration to work together to serve his people in our communities and in our world. We are better together than we ever will be apart.

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“Part of the process is to recognize the gifts God gave you and to listen to others who affirm those gifts in you.”

—Tyler Graham
Seminarian at Lutheran
Theological Seminary
at Gettysburg.

Candidacy

Candidacy is the process of discernment and preparation leading individuals to approval for public ministries of the ELCA and

participation as leaders in the work God in this Church. The staff of the Allegheny Synod administers the candidacy process through the ELCA. Persons who sense a call to the ministry of Word and Service or the ministry of Word and Sacrament enter the candidacy process through our Synod’s Office of the Bishop. A committee of dedicated lay and rostered leaders meet with and follow candidates through the process until they are assigned and able to receive a call.

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Chairpersons are listed in bold at the
top of each committee.

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