



Kirchenblatt June 2017

(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.

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR June 2017



KIRCHENBLATT



Pastor Scott and I took a little walk recently into the wetlands near our home in Hollidaysburg. We observed a huge number of tadpoles swimming in the pond. That reminded me of the spring retreats I used to lead every year for 5th-6th graders. The theme for this retreat was always based on the **F.R.O.G.** acronym (**Fully Rely On God**); and as a part of the retreat we hike to the pond or reservoir to look for tadpoles and frogs, never once failing to find them.

On the last morning of the retreat I would spend some time in the Bible Studies assisting the youth in developing their definition of Christian Faith. Here is an example of one of the statements that they came up with after some time in discussion:

Faith is “keeping God in your heart...what strengthens us to live our lives rooted in Christ’s teaching while keeping our heart open for God and helping each other to trust in God which means to **F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God)**; for what you do and what you say is a reflection of what you believe!”

Now, of course, that all seems pretty advanced for 5th-6th graders, but it was the culmination of a weekend-full of Bible Studies, and a summary statement of what they learned about what it means to be a Christian. I’d say that they summarized it really well, don’t you think?

It is a good spiritual exercise to pause and work a bit on our own personal definitions of the Christian Faith, asking ourselves what it means to be a Christian! I have a collection of some of my favorite definitions which I have gathered over the years. Perhaps my favorite one from recent years is “Faith is not *believing* that God *can*, but *knowing* that God *will!*” And my favorite from the past is “Faith is the bird that sings in the dark when light has yet to dawn.”

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR June 2017



I have been enjoying the appearance of the F.R.O.G acronym in the region the past few years since the opening of a few Sweet Frog frozen yogurt stores. Did you know that this company has based their logo on the Christian faith-based F.R.O.G acronym? If you visit their shop you will see it fully spelled out (*Fully Rely On God*) on some of the t-shirts that they sell!

I recently ran across another quote, which relates to the “Fully Rely On God” definition of Christian faith. The quote from the 1960’s Jewish theologian, Martin Buber:

“The main guilt of a man are not his sins. Temptation is powerful and his strength is weak. The main guilt of a man is that he can turn to God any moment and neglects to do that.”

Since reading that quote I have been noticing how true it is in my own daily life! How often I neglect to “Fully Rely On God” in each moment and each situation of the day when I would have been so much better off if I had “Fully Relied On God”! How about you?

How about us as a Christian congregation? Do we “Fully Rely On God” as we continue to grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ? Perhaps it would be a blessing for us to focus on the F.R.O.G. acronym as we begin to look at the future options for St. James. Imagine what great things we might accomplish together in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ if we were to F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God)! Hope to see you in church this summer!

-Pastor Carol

News and Notes from Council

ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING May 9, 2017 AT 6:00PM

Church Minutes: Minutes from April 11, 2017 were reviewed. One correction was made from service to sermon for the children. Motion to accept made by Evelyn. Seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Carol told us that there will be a baptism on Sunday, May 14th. July 30th there will be a Curve game. There will be more information on this later. A local artist will be making commemorative glassware to celebrate the 500th Reformation Anniversary. St James had the most representatives attending Caucus as a group. The dinner at Sequanota was attended by 4 members from our church. Donna Wilt made a motion to accept this report. Seconded by Shirley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ralph went over the report. The Allegheny Chorale donated \$100.00 to St James. Betty made a motion to accept this report and Bill seconded. Motion carried.

Finance: Audit will be ready by the end of the month.

Christian Education/ Social Ministry: May 21st—Potluck—Chicken, June 4th – Sweets and Treats – Bill and Judy Dambeck, June 25th – Church Picnic

Property Committee: Evelyn will check on the tile for the front of the sanctuary. The front doors will need to be sanded and painted. The shrubs and containers in front of the church can be removed. Dana checked with Nellimae Parsons who donated them in memory of her parents.

Stewardship/Evangelism: No report.

Worship and Music: No report.

Mutual Ministry: No report.

By-Laws Committee: No report.

**ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2017 AT 6:00PM**

Old Business: No report.

New Business: The new email address was discussed. Bill made a motion and Evelyn seconded. Motion carried to use this new address. Dana gave a report on the Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church in Myrtle Beach that she attended on vacation. Donna Wilt and Peggy Thatcher attended St Matthew's WELCA meeting in Roaring Spring. Pat Savage and Andrea Paul spoke at the meeting. Donna Wilt is on the Synod level of WELCA. Mark will meet with Earl to go over the duties of his job and stress areas that need attention. Evelyn mentioned the need to have communion cards and envelopes in the pews. There will be no meeting in June. The Pastors will be on vacation June 11-18. The next meeting will be July 11th.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Donna Wilt made a motion, second from Betty, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Scott said a prayer and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Contribution & Attendance Summary
March 2016

Contributions \$2,397.25
 Average Weekly Attendance: 35

March 2017

Contributions \$2,471.00
 Average Weekly Attendance: 29

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

March 1, 2017 - March 31, 2017

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.07
Contributions	
General	\$2,229
Designated	\$242
Special	\$85
Other Income	\$5,526.37
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	\$8,082.44

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$1,834.23
Worship & Music	\$448.44
Office	\$1,056.95
Custodial & Property	\$3,845.01
Uncategorized	\$7,403.77
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	\$14,588.40

June Flower Chart and Bulletin's

Altar:

4
 11
 18
 25

Bulletins:

4
 11
 18
 25

***Flowers will now be supplied by Warner's Florist. Cost \$40**

June Birthdays

Judy Bryan	6/19
Steve Hartman	6/24
Karen Hench	6/28
Janet Kauffman	6/16
Robin Kessler	6/24
Lynzi Vandevander	6/10
Julia Wilt	6/5
Joe Yanke	6/7

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.

Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich John Wiederkehr

(Names for inclusion on our parish prayer list can be submitted to the church office.



The name will remain on the list for one month. At the end of that period please advise the church office, if you would like the name to be continue for another month.)

Those serving in our military

Homewood of Altoona:

Dick Potter

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade

Robert Civils

Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:

Charlie Green

Patti Green

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck

John Wiederkehr

Glenn Dell

Jake and Marlene Leonard

Remember In Your Prayers

From the Office of the Bishop....

See article on prayer. Page 14

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@gmail.com

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

WELCA EVENTS



WELCA'S SPRING SOCIAL BREAKFAST WILL BE JUNE 10th (Saturday) - 9:00a.m.

At The Allegheny Creamery and Creps located at 505 Allegheny Street in Hollidaysburg, PA.

Please let Peggy Thatcher or Donna Wilt know if you plan on attending. All are welcome!

No WELCA MEETINGS in July or August.

September's meeting will be September 8th (Friday) our bus trip to Camp Sequanota. All are welcome. More info on this trip will be upcoming soon.

Next scheduled meeting for WELCA will be October 14th (Saturday) at 9:00a.m. at St. James.

St James's women conducted a church wide WELCA Service at St. James Sunday Service. The women were the ushers, did the offering and the readings. Pastor Carol played special guitar selections. Peggy Thatcher delivered the sermon focused on "LOVE". Special organ music as well as a wonderful choir anthem. Additional financial offering for The Allegheny Synod and WELCA. This was topped off with a delicious fried chicken dinner, covered dishes along with beautiful decorated tables by the ladies. A decorated WELCA cake and a variety of other desserts were available. Special guests joined the St. James family for the service and luncheon. A wonderful day to thank St. James's women for their time, energy and service.

ATTENTION:

St. James has a new email address:

stjamesaltoona@gmail.com



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WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA MINUTES

May 13, 2017

Minutes from last month's meeting were read by Donna Wilt and approved as read.

Shirley Manbeck gave the Treasurer's Report balance as \$192.76. Donna Wilt made a motion to accept, seconded by Shirley Manbeck.

Peggy Thatcher said The Allegheny Synod WELCA sent us another check to replace the one that was never cashed from our WELCA'S Convention last year at St. James. Check #706 was replaced by Check #744 for \$100. Shirley Manbeck will deposit this into our account.

There will be a special offering for the WELCA'S THANKOFFERING for Sunday, May 21st. Plans are in order for this service.

WELCA will be taking a trip to Camp Sequanota. We will tour the camp and have lunch. Pastor Nathan will see that we have some fresh garden vegetables that are grown at the camp to be included in our lunch. Our last stop will be at Flight 93. This is for September 8th (Friday). Times and transportation will be announced later.

Donna Wilt gave a report on The Allegheny Synod Women's Association Annual Convention held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Martinsburg, PA on April 29th. Peggy Thatcher and Donna Wilt attended the convention. Donna Foster, due to a health issue, was not able to attend. Lydia Vadila, Executive board member of the Women of the ELCA, was the guest speaker. She flew in from Puerto Rica. The convention was well attended and enjoyed by all. Next year it will be held in State College, PA

Our summer social breakfast will be June 10th at 9:00A.M. at The Allegheny Creamery and Creps located at 505 Allegheny Street in Hollidaysburg, PA. We will need a head count, so please notify Peggy or Donna Wilt if you plan on attending this breakfast. All are welcome. We will NOT meet in July or August. In September, our trip to Camp Sequanota, on September 8th, will take the place of our September meeting. Next schedule meeting at St. James will be October 14th at 9:00A.M.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jun 1—1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Lord, thank You for knowing me and loving me still. Help me to grow in my love and knowledge of You. Amen

Jun 2—Luke 7:2-10, Psalm 18:1-6

Thank You, dear Savior, for receiving me into Your kingdom! Amen

Jun 3—Malachi 3:10, Psalm 96

Gracious God, thank You for the riches of mercy You have rained down on me. Please grant me a generous heart toward Your Church. Amen

Jun 4—Acts 2:14-41, Psalm 104:1-4,24-35

O Lord, we praise You for gift of Your Spirit poured out on Your people! Amen

Jun 5—Proverbs 3:1-12, Psalm 112

Gracious God, give me a heart that trusts in You at all times. Amen

Jun 6—Hosea 1:3-11, Psalm 79:8-9

Heavenly Father, I thank You that by Your grace I am called a child of the living God! Amen

Jun 7—Luke 5:12-15, Psalm 30

Dear Savior, thank You for Your loving will for me. Thank You for touching my life and making me clean! Amen

Jun 8—Daniel 6, Psalm 2

Living God, thank You for delivering me from sin! Amen

Jun 9—Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 31

Merciful Lord, thank You for suffering for my sake. Please grant me patience and mercy in my times of trial. Amen

Jun 10—Acts 11:19-26, Psalm 57:7-11

Dear Savior, encourage my heart by Your grace to serve Your people with gladness. Amen

Jun 11—Galatians 4:1-7, Psalm 8

Triune God, thank You for adopting me as Your child. Praise be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, love without end! Amen

Jun 12—Corinthians 12:12-27, Psalm 133

Lord of all, thank You for the gift of my brothers and sisters in Christ. Please grant peace and unity among Your people. Amen

Jun 13—Philippians 2:12-18, Psalm 147

Jesus, please help me to reflect the light of Your love to the people You bring into my life. Amen

Jun 14—1 Kings 19, Psalm 25:11-22

Dear Jesus, when I am lonely, comfort me with Your presence and the fellowship of Your believers. Amen

Jun 15—Colossians 4:5-6, Psalm 19

Gracious Lord, help me show Your hospitality to others as I share Your Word with them. Amen

Jun 16—Matthew 13:10-16, Psalm 119:25-40

Lord, grant me Your Spirit that I might have ears to hear and eyes to see and a heart to understand Your Word! Amen

Jun 17—Revelations 5, Psalm 24

Jesus, help me to live today with peace and joy, knowing that You have won victory for me on the cross. Amen

Jun 18—Luke 15:11-32, Psalm 89:19-29

Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Your compassion and forgiveness to me in Your Son, Jesus! Amen

Jun 19—Ecclesiastes 3:9-14, Psalm 127

Lord, please grant me joy and patience as I serve those around me. Amen

Jun 20—Malachi 4:2, Psalm 84

Thank You, Jesus, for suffering for my sake and giving me new life! Amen

Jun 21—Matthew 10:40-42, Psalm 18:16-35

Lord, thank You for Your manifold gifts to me! Help me to be a part of Your blessings in the lives of Your people. Amen

Jun 22—Chronicles 34:2-21, 24-33, Psalm 106:1-23, 43-48

Lord, hear my cry and deliver me from evil. Give me peace in the knowledge of Your victory over my sin. Amen.

Jun 23—Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 37:1-29

Gracious God, You are a Lord who provides. Help me entrust myself to You. Amen

Jun 24—Luke 1:57-80, Psalm 5

Lord, thank You that in Your tender mercy You have shown us the favor of Your forgiveness! Amen

Jun 25—Galatians 1:3-10, Psalm 119:161-68

Jesus, give me wisdom and courage to hold fast to Your Word at all times! Amen

Jun 26—Jeremiah 20:9-13, Psalm 56

Savior, please give me the words to speak Your love and grace to others. Amen

Jun 27—Jeremiah 23:16-29, Psalm 119:9-24

Lord, teach me to love Your Word that is so full of love for me. Please bless all pastors and teachers, that they may faithfully share Your Word with Your people. Amen

Jun 28—2 Samuel 12:1-15, Psalm 38

O Lord, my salvation, thank You for dying to take away my sin!

Jun 29—Acts 15:1-12, Psalm 72

O Lord, thank You for reconciling us to You and to one another. Amen

Jun 30—Matthew 7:7-11, Psalm 61

Father, thank You for the gifts both great and small with which You have blessed my life. Amen



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Church in America**

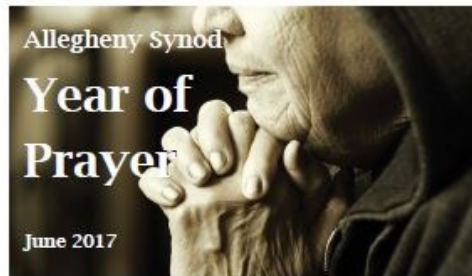
God's work. Our hands.

***DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF THE
KIRCHENBLATT IS, THURSDAY, JUNE 15.***

Announcements and Upcoming Events

WELCA SPRING SOCIAL BREAKFAST
 COUNCIL MEETING
 CHURCH PICNIC
 WELCA TRIP TO CAMP SEQUANOTA
 WELCA MEETING

JUN 10 9AM
 JUN 12 6PM
 JUN 25 11AM
 SEP 8
 OCT 14 9AM



The Allegheny Synod Year of Prayer is a year-long effort to engage our members in prayer for others and for the world.

This month we pray for our partner ministries in Montana and Kenya

Week 1: Bishop Jessica Crist of the Montana Synod

That Bishop Crist and her staff would be strengthened for ministry in the Montana Synod.

Week 2: Ministry of the Montana Synod

All the ways in which the Synod shares the Gospel with its members.

Week 3: Bishop Kahuthu of KELC

That Bishop Kahuthu and his staff would be kept safe as they travel throughout Kenya to spread the Gospel.

Week 4: Ministry of the KELC.

For the ministry of the Pangani Girls School, it's teachers; and the evangelists and pastors of the KELC

Announcements and Upcoming Events

SCHEDULE:

Choir Schedule



We will be off May—August.
Practices will start back in
September



**SWEETS AND TREATS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

**The next Sweets and Treats is June 4th! Sponsored by
Bill and Judy Dambeck**

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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 CONGREGATIONAL NEWS.*****

YOUR PLEDGE FOR ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ALTOONA, PA

- I will talk positively about my church.
- I will invite others to come and share in our ministry.
- I will attend services regularly.
- I will share that God lives through us - - - and smile regularly.
- I will give thanks to God every day for the blessings of my church family.





June 25, 2017
Highland Park, Pavilion #1

11:00 AM Communion Worship Service
"Rokkandy, Pat McConnell's Band", will
play following lunch.

Name: _____

Plan to attend # _____

Plan to bring # _____

I can help. Sign me up to do:

Shopping _____

Set up the day of the picnic _____

Transporting Supplies _____

Plan bingo games _____

Cooking/Grilling _____

Clean Up _____

For details on any of these jobs,
please contact the church office.

Church Council Members

Mark Hoover—President
Shirley Manbeck—Vice President
Dana Detwiler—Secretary
Ralph Grove—Treasurer
Betty Boslet
Carolyn Feather
Donna Foster
Evelyn Holsinger
Sylvia Malsatzki
David Manbeck
Debra Morgan
Bill Wilt
Donna Wilt
Pastors Carol & Scott Custead

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

*Pastors— Revs. Scott & Carol Custead, Intentional
Interim Pastors
Church Administrative Assistant - Tim Surkovich
Organist & Choir Director - Pat McConnell
Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper - Ralph Grove
Custodian—Earl Walters*

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

BELOW YOU WILL FIND THE COMMITTEES AS OF THIS DATE. PLEASE NOTIFY EITHER THE CHAIRMAN OR CHURCH OFFICE IF YOUR NAME DOES NOT APPEAR WHERE IT SHOULD OR APPEARS WHERE IT SHOULDN'T. ALSO, PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON ANY OF THESE COMMITTEES.

Mutual Ministry

*Donna Foster
*Evelyn Holsinger
Joe Yanke
*Dana Detwiler
*Donna Wilt

Worship & Music

*Dana Detwiler
*Donna Foster
*Mark Hoover
*Sylvia Malsatzki
Pat McConnell
Phyllis Spinazzola

By-Laws

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
*Carolyn Feather
*Debra Morgan
Edith Trinks

Christian Education/

Social Ministry

***Evelyn Holsinger**
*Carolyn Feather
Janet Kauffman
*Sylvia Malsatzki
*Debra Morgan
*Donna Wilt
*Shirley Manbeck
*David Manbeck

Finance

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
*Donna Wilt
*Bill Wilt
Ralph Grove

Property

Bob Holsinger
Bill Dambeck
*Evelyn Holsinger
*David Manbeck
*Shirley Manbeck
*Bill Wilt
Earl Walters
Mike Savino

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**
*Dana Detwiler
*Carolyn Feather
Janet Kauffman

* Denotes Council Member
Thrivent Rep—Robin Kessler
A.L.S.M. Rep—?