



Kirchenblatt October 2016

(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 OCTOBER 2016



Autumn brings obvious change in the natural world that surrounds us. It is a bright, beautiful, colorful change as the rich green foliage in these Pennsylvania mountain forests turns to brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows—all signs that winter is soon coming. The daylight grows shorter and the temperatures grow cooler. But this change also brings a certain ambivalence—a reluctance to give up the warm sun of summer days, yet at the same time and anticipations of the first snowfall and the quiet hush of winter. All life seems patterned to the changing seasons...patterned, somewhat cyclical, yet ever changing. The changing seasons remind us that nothing is permanent in this life. Change itself is the only constant.

The world around us is changing at a phenomenal rate, like never before in human history. It has become very difficult to keep up with technological changes in our culture. Just when you get a certain type of cell phone, a new and better one comes out. Constant updates are sent across the internet for us to download into our devices and computers. Products change. Just when we find one kind of laundry soap we like, for example, a new and “improved” version of it comes out. There is a constant influx of new products on the market. A favorite store closes and another opens. The world seems in constant flux.

People change too. Children grow up and leave home for college or trade school or the military or for a job somewhere else. And we adults grow older. A glance in the mirror reveals more grey or white hairs and wrinkles on the outside that only reflect a year more of life’s experiences and the changes that go with those experiences. We never stop growing and changing.

Amidst all this change, we may look to our church to give us some stability. We may hope that our church is just one secure place where we can go and things remain the same. But there we find changes too. A change in pastors, a new worship book in the pews, new hymns, new liturgies, new faces, new events...nothing seems permanent in this world, and our need for stability gets more and more difficult to satisfy.

Consider this quote from King Whitney Jr.: “Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.”

So consider this question: Are the better days of St. James behind us or before us? To be sure, St. James has had some very good days in the past. This congregation has a marvelous history! Yet as we continue to grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ, we can have the faith that *always* there are better days yet to come! And as your new pastors, Pastor Scott and I look forward to these days to come!

Still, as we work together to proclaim Jesus Christ in this ever changing world it is a blessing to know that God is *unchanging*. And it is a comfort to hear these words from scripture: “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” (Hebrews 13:8) God bless. See you in church!

-Pastor Carol

**Contribution & Attendance
Summary**

July 2015

Contributions \$2,995.50
Average Weekly Attendance: 25

July 2016

Contributions \$2,975.25
Average Weekly Attendance: 22

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

July 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$.06
Contributions	
General	\$2,633.25
Designated	\$120.00
Special	\$240.00
Other Income	\$6,265.75
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	\$9,259.06

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$4,189.10
Worship & Music	\$438.98
Office	\$1,505.34
Custodial & Property	\$879.18
Uncategorized	\$320.17
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	\$8,459.27

**October Flower Chart
and Bulletin's**

Altar:

2
9
16
23
30

Bulletins:

2
9
16
23
30

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

October Birthdays

Paulette Frederick	10/12
Dana (Wilt) Mayo	10/13
Debra Morgan	10/24
Michael Savino	10/26
Gabrielle Tyler	10/29
Shawn Wilkins	10/23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

News and Notes from Council

ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2016 AT 6:00PM

DEVOTIONS:

Offered by Pastor Carol centered on how we are a Christian family and the values we have as Christians.

CHURCH MINUTES:

Minutes from August 9, 2016 were reviewed with no corrections.. Donna Wilt made a motion to accept. Dana Detwiler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Scott and Pastor Carol explained how they will be reporting contractual hours based on the contract. They went over expectations and asked the council if there were any additional obligations. None were presented. Other procedural matters were addressed including monthly or yearly events so they could get the dates on their calendars.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ralph Grove went over the figures and explained. Betty Booklet made a motion to accept. Donna Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Pot Luck Luncheon's and Sweets and Treats are both going well. Sweets and Treats has a balance because of the donation from Joe Yanke. This can be utilized in the event we do not have a sponsor for an upcoming month. Pot Luck this Sunday September 18th will feature turkey as the main dish. The Nittany Knights Chorus Concert will be Sunday September 25th at 2PM. There will be a Free Will Offering.

The Octoberfest date and details are still TBD

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

The new wireless microphone system is setup for the sanctuary. Outside entry light to the office still to be repaired. The speaker in the Sunday school room is shorting out.

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

Revelations information still needs to be updated before the conversion can be implemented.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: No Report

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

A meeting will be scheduled with Pastor Scott and Carol.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

The Call Committee for the search for a full time pastor was discussed . Pastors Scott and Carol will run a trial Bible Study before service to determine the amount of interest and whether it is worth moving forward. The Congregational Meeting will take place November 13th. All committees need to meet soon and submit their yearly report. The Finance Committee will take place October 4th at 5pm to determine the budget. Mark Hoover will look back in the records to determine which council members terms will be up for re-election . Tim will send an email to all committee chairs to remind them to hold a meeting soon and submit their report for the congregational meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Betty Boslet made a motion to reimburse the knitters Dorie Hoover and Maria Angstenberger for additional yarn they used for lap robes over and above what St, James gave them to start in the amount of \$165.05, along with a thank you letter for their years of service. They are retiring from years of knitting. Carolyn Feather seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

Betty Boslet made a motion to adjourn, Donna Foster seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm by standing and reciting the Lord's Prayer.





W.e.l.c.a.

Our event for this month was going to the Rill's house in Millheim for the PSU/PITT Game and tasting different wines from The Traveling Vineyard. We also painted our own wine glass. Lots of laughs, good food and drinks. We met at St. James parking lot at 9:30am and drove to the Rill's house, Peggy Thatcher rented a van for all of us and Mark Hoover was the driver. We had eleven traveling. A big thanks to Peggy and Mark. It was a great time for all of us! Thanks to the Rill's, also.

Our next meetings: October 8th at 9:30am

November 12th at 9:30am

December 10th - Christmas Luncheon (place yet to TBD)



First row: Donna Foster, Vicky Buda, Verna Mills, Edie Trinks, Donna Wilt, Bill Wilt, Sylvia Malsatzki

Second row: Peggy Thatcher, Mark Hoover, Dana Detwiler, Tere Rill and Jim Rill

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:

The Manbeck family
 Sylvia Malsatzki
 Doug Kauffman
 John Wiederkehr
 Dave & Jean Bickel
 Joe Yanke
 Brun Hilde Badorrek
 Janet Kauffman
 Donna Foster
 Susan Boston
 Dorie Hoover
 Tim Surkovich
 Debra Morgan
 Ann Bartley
 Tom Bartley
 Terry Bartley
 Jake Leonard
 Those serving in our military



Homewood of Altoona:

Dick Potter

Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:

Charlie Green

Patti Green

In their own homes:

Becky Manbeck

Marlene Leonard

Remember In Your Prayers

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.



Sunday - Sept. 11, 2016

“Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”
– Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:9)

Dear Friends,

May God’s grace and peace be with you this day as we mark the 15th anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. That was a terrible day. We pray that our Lord God will protect us from tragedies like that happening again. I ask that you join me today and throughout this week in praying for all families who lost friends and loved ones on Sept. 11th. Anniversaries are always hard, and those who lost friends and family need our prayers especially now.

I ask you also pray with me today and throughout this coming week that the Holy Spirit will work to bring peace in this world. Let us not underestimate the power of God to change and melt our hard hearts. Let us pray together that our Lord will pour the love and power of God into this broken world.

Jesus said, “Blessed are the Peacemakers”. Someone who is making peace is someone who is active, who is at work, and who is doing something. We all can be makers of peace. We make peace when we are led by the Holy Spirit to share Christ’s mercy and goodness with this world. Jesus is already active, loving, and caring for the hurting and the broken. Jesus invites us to come take part and be led by him to care for those in need as he is mending this world.

You do that here in the Allegheny Synod when you reach out and care for those in need. I thank God for you. I pray that as we pass this anniversary you know that Christ is using you to bring his light and hope into this world. Because, that is how you push back against the darkness, you bring the love of Jesus.

May God bless and keep you always,
+Bishop Michael

READY, SET, ACTION!

In Acts 2, it says, "All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need."

The disciples encouraged the people in the early church to share what they had with each other. The one who owned a house would open it to those who needed shelter. The one who had a lot of food would share with a family who didn't. And they weren't just sharing material things—they ate meals with one another, cared for those who were sick, worshipped together and collectively loved Jesus.

What a wonderful example they've left us! It's so easy to get wrapped up in our own lives that sometimes we forget about helping others.

What if we used our creativity to show God's love to the world by following the example in Acts? You can use the same steps that the people of the early church did:

Step one: Get together with others. Discuss how you are able to contribute to the community. Consider each person's special talents, interests and passions.

Step two: Assess the community's needs. Find out where there is a need in the community and determine how you can meet that need.

Step three: Put together an action plan. Who will lead the project and communicate with the team? What materials are needed? How will it be promoted?

Step four: Take action!

Thrivent Action Team projects are one great way Thrivent Financial helps its members live generous lives and be wise with money. Thrivent members can apply online to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Once your project is approved, you'll receive your own Thrivent Action Team Kit, packed with T-shirts, promotional tools and even \$250 of seed money to jumpstart your idea! Get started at Thrivent.com/actionteam.



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Oct 1—Colossians 2:16-23, Psalm 75

Gracious God, fill me with Christ's presence to spread Your grace. Amen

Oct 2—Numbers 29:1-6, Psalm 98

Heavenly Father, grant me strength and perseverance as I await the new song of the final trumpet blast Amen

Oct 3—Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 52

Holy Lord, let Your light cause goodness to thrive in my life. Amen

Oct 4—Revelation 21:22-27, Psalm 43

Lamb of God, let Your light shine bright in heaven and on earth. Amen

Oct 5—Exodus 10:21-29, Psalm 37:21-40

Lord, surround me with Your light so as to drive away the darkness of sin. Amen

Oct 6—Proverbs 4:10-19, Psalm 18:1-15

Heavenly Father, assure me of my sure and certain future in the safety of Christ Jesus. Amen

Oct 7—Romans 13:8-14, Psalm 101

Lord, clothe me in Your armor of light so that I can confront the darkness of sin in my life. Amen

Oct 8—Matthew 10:26-33, Psalm 89:1-18

Holy Spirit, give me boldness and confidence to proclaim the Good News of Jesus wherever I go. Amen

Oct 9—Mathew 6:19-24, Psalm 13

Lord Jesus, remove the sin that clouds my view of the world, and let me see the world as You do. Amen

Oct 10—2 Kings 20:8-11, Psalm 29

Mighty Savior, reverse my path so that I am on Your path of eternal life. Amen

Oct 11—2 Corinthians 4:13-18, Psalm 144

Lord Jesus, give me perspective throughout my days, knowing I will spend eternity with You. Amen

Oct 12—Leviticus 16:1-10, Psalm 79

Heavenly Father, all praise and honor is given to You for giving us access to You in Christ Jesus. Amen

Oct 13—James 1:12-18, Psalm 62

Faithful Lord, You do not shift or change. Let Your steady love give me peace in the midst of chaos. Amen

Oct 14—Matthew 17:1-8, Psalm 104

Lord Jesus, give me Your radiance. Remove the stains of my sin and clothe me in Your radiance. Amen

Oct 15—Micah 7:1-8, Psalm 56

Holy Spirit, shine the light of Your empty tomb into my dark hours. Amen.

Oct 16—Acts 5:12-16, Psalm 57

Amazing God, Your works are great and praiseworthy. Equip me to do Your work wherever I am. Amen

Oct 17—Leviticus 23:33-43, Psalm 28

Savior, grant me eternal shelter in the walls of Your loving kindness. Let me point others to You so that they, too, can enjoy a place within Your shelter. Amen

Oct 18—Nehemiah 9:9-15, Psalm 78:1-16

Lord Jesus, guide me through the dark days of life with Your holy light. Amen

Oct 19—Hosea 14:1-7, Psalm 17

Sustaining Savior, let me rest in Your shadow. Revive me daily so that I can thrive in Your presence. Amen

Oct 20—Luke 3:1-6, Psalm 23

Lord, walk with me in the dark valleys of life. Amen

Oct 21—Deuteronomy 4:15-24, Psalm 74

Holy Lord, keep us faithful in worshiping You alone. Amen

Oct 22—Ephesians 4:25-32, Psalm 4

Forgiving Lord, send me out with Your forgiveness so that the sun never sets on my anger. Amen

Oct 23—Joshua 1:1-9, Psalm 97

Gracious God, You give me more than I deserve or can comprehend. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

Oct 24—Ecclesiastes 1:4-7, Psalm 50

Holy Lord, You fill the world with Your wonderful works. Keep us ever mindful of Your good gifts. Amen

Oct 25—Joshua 10:12-15, Psalm 105:1-7

Powerful Father, You reign and rule over Your creation. Lord, reign and rule over my life as well. Amen

Oct 26—Mark 13:24-27, Psalm 77

Come, Lord Jesus. We await Your return with joy and anticipation, knowing You will make all things new. Amen

Oct 27—1 John 1:5-10, Psalm 63

Holy Lord, connect me to Your power. Shine Your light into my life every new day.

Amen

Oct 28—1 John 2:7-11, Psalm 112

Savior Jesus, make me new with Your light. Shine into my life, and conform me to Your holiness. Amen

Oct 29—2 Timothy 1:8-14, Psalm 69:1-15

Light of the world, show me the fullness of Your good creation. Amen

Oct 30—1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Psalm 119:105-112

Holy Spirit, walk with me as I walk in the light of Christ. Guide my steps so they conform to God's good plans. Amen

Oct 31—Acts 4:8-12, Psalm 46

Mighty God, You alone are my never-failing bulwark. Give me a still heart, O Lord, for my trust and confidence are in You for all eternity. Amen

***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.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Choir Schedule



SCHEDULE:

October 6th	7PM
October 13th	7PM
October 20th	7PM
October 27th	7PM

IMPORTANT!!

Anyone interested on serving on the Call Committee to search for a new permanent pastor for St. James, please contact any one of the following:

Church Office: 944-6835

Mark Hoover mfh4@psu.edu

Church Email: stjamesaltoona@verizon.net

*DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 15.*

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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.******

SWEETS AND TREATS	OCT 2	10AM
CHOIR PRACTICE	OCT 6	7PM
WELCA MEETING	OCT 8	9AM
COUNCIL MEETING	OCT 11	6PM
CHOIR PRACTICE	OCT 13	7PM
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE	OCT 15	12PM
OCTOBERFEST	OCT 16	12PM
CHOIR PRACTICE	OCT 20	7PM
CHOIR PRACTICE	OCT 20	7PM
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	NOV 13	12PM

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.



Sunday Oct. 16th - Dinner will be served following the Worship Service.

Dinner to include sauerkraut, pork, mashed potatoes, kneadles (German Bread dumpling) with gravy, spinach casserole, bratwurst, hot dogs & rolls, rye bread & butter, apple sauce, desserts, & assorted beverages.

We are asking members to donate desserts.

Sign up in church or call the office with a count of how many will attend. Bring your friends & family. Please call the church office 944-6835 if interested.

RSVP By October 9th



Join us before Worship for Fellowship
and
Sweets and Treats.

Sunday October 2nd
and each First Sunday of the month.

Sign up to bring your favorite treat to
share with the congregation!

Sweets and Treats at 10AM each
1st Sunday of the Month!

**Dave and Jean Bickel are providing the Sweets
and Treats. Thank you Dave & Jean!**



PLAN TO ATTEND!!!

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

All committees are encouraged need to meet soon and submit their yearly report.

Please submit your report to the Administrative Assistant by Friday November 4th. You can email them to stjamesaltona@verizon.net

Church Council Members

Mark Hoover—President
Shirley Manbeck—Vice President
Donna Wilt—Secretary
Ralph Grove—Treasurer
Betty Boslet
Dana Detwiler
Carolyn Feather
Donna Foster
Evelyn Holsinger
Sylvia Malsatzki
David Manbeck

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

*Pastors— Revs. Scott & Carol Custead, Intentional
Interim Pastor
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

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

Janet Kauffman

*Carolyn Feather
*Evelyn Holsinger
*Shirley Manbeck
*David Manbeck
*Debra Morgan

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**
*Dana Detwiler
Janet Kauffman

Finance

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
John Wiederkehr
*Donna Wilt
Ralph Grove

Property

Bob Holsinger
*Shirley Manbeck
*David Manbeck
Earl Walters

* Denotes Council Member
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