



# *Kirchenblatt April 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.**

## How do we use a paschal candle?



Fire has long been a sign of God's presence. The Old Testament is full of examples: the burning bush on Mount Sinai, the pillar of fire in the desert, the tabernacle lamps, and the sacrificial fires on the altar of the temple in Jerusalem. Early Christians rather naturally viewed the kindling of new fire as a symbol of the presence of their resurrected Lord, the new pillar of fire.

In Jerusalem, the earliest Christians blessed and lighted candles every Saturday night. By at least the fifth or sixth century, the custom had become associated with celebrations of the Resurrection, and paschal candles had found their way into the liturgy of the Western church.



In the medieval church, allegorical meaning was ascribed to every aspect of the paschal candle. Unlighted, it represented Christ's death and burial; lighted, it represented the splendor and glory of Christ's resurrection. The wick represented Christ's humanity, and the halo of flame represented his divinity. Other candles lighted from the paschal candle symbolized Christ giving the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

For us, the symbolism of Christ's triumph over the darkness of sin and death is preeminent. This symbolism is most apparent when the paschal candle is introduced each year to the congregation in the Easter Vigil on Easter Eve. When the Vigil begins, the church is dark, symbolic of the darkness of the sepulcher that held the crucified Christ. A new fire is kindled, and the paschal candle is lighted, representing the Risen Christ, the Light of the world.

Symbolically, this is the fire from which all light is ignited. Traditionally, before lighting the candle from the new fire, the candle is inscribed with a cross, an *alpha* and *omega*, and the current year. This reinforces the point that Christ is present among us now and throughout eternity. The following words traditionally accompany the inscribing: "Christ yesterday and today [cross], the beginning and the end [Alpha and Omega]. His are all times [2] and ages [0]; to Christ be glory and dominion [0], through endless ages [2]. Amen." Five grains of incense may be inserted into the cross with wax nails (usually provided with a purchased paschal candle), representing the five wounds of Christ, as indicated during the Easter proclamation. If the candle already has the symbols affixed to it, the minister may trace the symbols as the words are spoken.

As the candle is carried in procession into the dark nave, so Christ lights our way out of darkness. During this procession, the bearer of the candle lifts it high and sings, "The light of Christ," to which all respond, "Thanks be to God!" Its meaning is even clearer in the Roman rite, which says, "Christ our Light!" There is no missing the point! Christ is present in the midst of the assembly. We are not pretending to reenact Christ's physical resurrection. We are not simply recalling an ancient event when Christ was present. The reality in the message of the resurrection is that the Risen Christ is present here today, with and for us.

We are gathered in darkness to wait and look for the resurrection. Gradually we enter into the reality that Christ is risen and is present among us.

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the paschal candle traditionally stands near the altar as a symbol of the resurrection. It is lighted for each liturgy during the great fifty days of Easter. (Easter is not over until Pentecost, the fiftieth day!) Ideally, the candle burns continuously from the Vigil of Easter through Pentecost. Since this is usually not practical, the paschal candle should be lighted well before the arrival of worshipers and remain lit until after all have departed. To heighten the symbolism, it could be lighted any time groups of people assemble in or near the nave (meetings, rehearsals, and so forth). If evening prayer is celebrated during the season of Easter, the assembly gathers for prayer around the burning paschal candle. A separate vesper candle is not used.

The fuller symbolism of the paschal candle calls for letting it remain lighted and central through the entire Easter season.

After the Day of Pentecost, the paschal candle is placed on its stand near the baptismal font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. The candle is lighted at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lighted from it for presentation to the baptized or sponsor. This act is a visual reminder of the integral connection between Baptism and Easter. For funerals, the paschal candle is lighted and placed in its stand at the head of the casket during the funeral rite. In a visual way, the paschal candle visually proclaims the message of Romans 6:3-5 (used at the beginning of the burial liturgy): "In our Baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ."

The paschal candle, sometimes called the Easter candle, should not be confused with the so-called Christ candle, which has no roots in liturgical history but is often seen at the center of Advent wreaths. The paschal candle should be of substantial size, even huge, if its important symbolism is to speak clearly. Even the stand in which it rests should be of great size. It is inappropriate to use an aluminum tube with a candle on a spring or burning oil inside.

### **Resources**

- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Leaders Desk Edition*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 2006.
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, The Sunday Assembly*, 2008.
- Huck, Gabe. *The Three Days*. Chicago: Archdiocese of Chicago, 1972. Available from Liturgy Training Publications, 1800 North Hermitage Ave. Chicago, IL 60622; (800) 933-1800. Pages 189-196.
- Stauffer, S. Anita. *Altar Guild Handbook*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 2000. Pages 18-19, 48, 91-93.
- Stauffer, S. Anita and Ralph R. Van Loon. *Worship Wordbook*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1995.
- Paschal candles in various styles are available for purchase from most liturgical candle distributors.

Learn how to make your own candle and more information at the [Candle Carving](#) website

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St. James Lutheran Church, Altoona

## Contribution & Attendance Summary

### January 2015

Contributions \$1,713

Average Weekly Attendance: 31

### January 2016

Contributions \$3,131

Average Weekly Attendance:

## INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

January 1, 2016 - January 31, 2016

### INCOME

Bank Interest	\$ .04
Contributions	
General	\$2,531.00
Designated	\$151.00
Special	\$450.00
Other Income	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
	\$15,132.04

### EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$5,620.81
Worship & Music	\$1,151.42
Office	\$1,760.39
Custodial & Property	\$2,699.699
Uncategorized	<u>\$97.89</u>
	\$14,466.31

## April Flower Chart and Bulletin's

Altar:

3  
10  
17  
24

Bulletins:

3  
10  
17  
24



## News and Notes from Council

**ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 8, 2016 AT 6:00PM**

**DEVOTIONS:** A prayer was offered by Pastor Jim.

**CHURCH MINUTES:** Minutes from February 9, 2016 were read and approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** The Pastor reported on the White Fund, Discretionary Fund, recent baptism's his pleasure with Lenten Services, the use of the Sunday School area, communion by intinction, Contemporary Services, the Synod Rostered Leaders event, and the Synod Assembly.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** All reports presented and explained. Motion made to accept and carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Meeting with Kooman Associates being planned.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Pot Luck Dinners being held on April 17th and May 15th. St. James hosting the Synod Rostered Leaders event. Church Picnic June 12th. WELCA to host Mental Health Service May 22nd.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Needed. Meeting needed to discuss building repairs.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE:** Pipe organ being tuned. Hand Bell Choir in the works. Contemporary Service Committee being formed to formally work on a way to grow the congregation. This will NOT affect normal services. Pentecost is May 15, 2016.

**MUTUAL MINISTRY:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Silk flowers being arranged for summer. ALL COMMITTEES NEED TO MEET SOON.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A letter to all baptized and confirmed members will be drafted and sent out after a contemporary service is up and running.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Scholarships for camp were discussed and decided to forgo. The idea of inviting a Thrivent Rep to a future meeting was presented as a possibility to fund outreach requests.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm with the Lord's Prayer



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.

ATTENTION LADIES.....

Now is the time to set our schedule for the next few months.

Mark those calendars now!

All Women ....you are invited to St James WELCA meeting April 9 at 9:00 am in the church basement. In thousands of congregations across the U.S. women of all ages gather in community to grow and live in their faith through WELCA ministry and action. As the glorious days of Easter are with us there is no better time than this season in which to reflect our resurrection. As holy discipline keep mind Luke 20:36.... we all are called to be "children of the resurrection.

Join us for our next reconvene WELCA meeting at St James.

Also

Hope to see you April 9

and for the Allegheny Synod WELCA which will meet at St. James for there annual meeting April 30. Watch the LUTHERAN letter for more registration details.

Peggy Thatcher President St. James WELCA .

WELCA Board member Allegheny Synod.

**Allegheny Synod (all churches) WELCA Event**  
**April 30 at St James**  
**8:30 am -3:30 pm.**

*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  
 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....***

*Synod Secretary David Finney's* mother, Betty Lou Finney, joined the Saints of Heaven Saturday, March 12, 2016. Please hold David Finney and family in prayer.

Visitation will be at John Henderson Co. Funeral Home, 215 Central Ave., Johnstown, PA 15902, from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM Tuesday, March 15. The Funeral service will be 1 PM, Wednesday, March 16, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Johnstown, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Camp Sequanota, PO Box 245, Jennerstown, PA 15547, in Betty Lou's memory. (The full obituary may be seen below.)

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to 506 Diamond Blvd., Johnstown, PA 15905.

### **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.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing to share the good news of what you have done as the members and congregations of the Allegheny Synod. As you know in 2015 working with the Stewardship, Mission Interpretation, and Finance teams we made a strong push across the Allegheny Synod to shore up our Synodical budget to support the mission we share together. We appealed to you as congregations to hold the line with your support of and invited congregations to discern if they could take a step toward tithing your gifts. In addition to this we introduced the “One More For Mission” project asking individuals if they could contribute \$1 more a week in their offering toward Mission Support.

I want you to know that working together we have met our goal for this year. We held up the need and you have responded. We reached the “line in the sand” that we adopted at our Synod Assembly, and will be able to meet our commitments to ministries for the coming year.

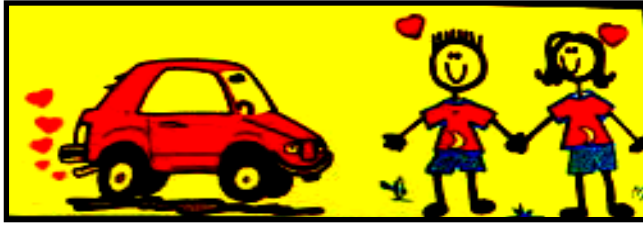
Thank you for all you have done to meet this goal. You saw a challenge and you have met it. However, this is the first step on a journey. Our job now is to continue to support the good work that we are doing together. You are making a difference in our Allegheny Synod. Together we are caring for our communities and all the places that God has called us in these Allegheny hills and valleys.

I also share with you a new commitment to partnership we have received from our friends in the Churchwide organization. The Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) position, held by Pastor Tim Knauss, has since its beginning been funded 50% by our Synod and 50% by our national church. Recognizing the great work we have been doing the ELCA has given an increase in their financial support to fund 75% of our DEM position. This is due to their recognizing the great work you do as congregations of the ELCA to further Christ’s mission here. They also recognize the commitment we have in the Allegheny Synod to the work of the wider church. This increase in funding does help our bottom line, but more than this, it shows the commitment of our partners in our Churchwide offices to the work we are doing here.

Thank you for all you do and thank you for the way you share your love with the people of God in these Allegheny hills and valleys.

In Christ,  
Bp. Michael Rhyne





**YOUR CAR. . . . . YOUR MARRIAGE  
BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!**

**Attention Married Couples:** So you've done maintenance for your car—how about your marriage? Make 2016 the year you decide to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and have been enriching marriages of couples of all ages for 40 years! In addition to the \$100 per couple registration fee, you will be given an opportunity near the end of the weekend to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

**The 2016 Pennsylvania Weekends are:**

- **April 8-10, 2016** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's"
- **April 22-24, 2016** at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA, Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of Nittany Mountain
- **September 16-18, 2016** 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 21-23, 2016** at Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA, a stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent to the Olmsted Mansion situated on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, an hour north of DuBois

**Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice.** To sign up online, go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and pay the registration fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

April 1—Mark 4:35-41, Psalm 89:1-7

Dear Jesus, I'm thinking of someone right now to whom I could be a holy "troublemaker" by sharing Jesus with humility and nonjudgmental love. Put an oar in my hands and come with me, Lord. Amen

April 2—John 20:11-16, Psalm 42:8-11

Dear beloved Savior and Teacher, allow me never to leave Your gracious classroom. Be my Rabboni in all I do today. "I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee". Amen

April 3—Romans 15:7-13, Psalm 148

Lord Jesus, You have a "fashion passion" to dress us daily in forgiveness, joy, and love. Thank You, and help me to wear Your lordship boldly today. Amen

April 4—Mark 9:14-29, Psalm 66

Lord Jesus, at times, I find myself a weak-kneed believer, and I pray for You to encourage me with an "all things are possible for one who believes" faith. Amen

April 5—Luke 11:14-28, Psalm 36

Lord Jesus, sinner that I am, I praise Your name, Your identity as Savior. Thank You for identifying me as Your child now and forever. Amen.

April 6—Matthew 25:14-23, Psalm 50:1-6

Dear Jesus, I pray by the Holy Spirit's power, multiply my dedication, talents, and treasure into Your service with resurrection joy, the joy of the Master. Amen.

April 7—John 11:17-27, Psalm 11

Dear Jesus, my heart often is an echo of past sins that I wish I could take back. Forgive me, and loosen my tongue to make and needed amends today. Amen.

April 8—Luke 20:9-17, Psalm 43

Dear Jesus, I come seeking Your encouragement to live out those glorious great reversals of biblical truths. Amen

April 9—John 21:15-19, Psalm 127

Dearest Jesus, I fail and fail again. But thank You for always being there to pick me up and whisper that I'm forgiven. Thank You for Your unfailing love. Amen

April 10—2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 113

Dear Jesus, thanks for another day of being clean from the leprosy of sin and another day to rejoice in the freedom of salvation. Amen

April 11—1 Peter 1:22-2:3, Psalm 77:13-20

Dear Jesus, I'm all Yours! I love the way that sounds! I'll say it say it again: Jesus, I'm all Yours! Amen

April 12—Mark 14:3-9, Psalm 40:1-5

Dear Lord, help me to live out the notes and cadence of Your eternal and perfect love in a melody of faithful service and abounding love. Amen.

April 13—Hebrews 12:1-3, Psalm 53

Dear Lord Jesus, I rejoice this day that I am indeed at a wedding feast of Your love. Make my life a living “thank-You note” of appreciation and devotion. Amen.

April 14—Romans 8:22-27, Psalm 42:1-5

Dear Jesus, thank You for buying me without conditions, lectures, or hesitation. Amen.

April 15—Hosea 10:1-12, Psalm 16

Dear Jesus, I give You today. It's the only time I have, but I sacrificially offer it to Your service to build Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

April 16—Luke 21:1-4, Psalm 18:1-13

Dearest Jesus, we confess our stinginess, not only with money, but with offering ourselves to freshen the lives of others with the Gospel. Bless us with a Jesus-like generosity. Amen.

April 17—Matthew 13:10-17, Psalm 9:1-11

Dear Jesus, allow me to see and hear in new ways that glorify You and bring a grateful heart into my life. Amen.

April 18—Matthew 26:30-35, Psalm 5:1-3, 11-12

Dear Lord Jesus, my overconfidence is an endless betrayal of You. Allow me to put confidence only in You and choose the way of the cross. Amen.

April 19—Luke 13:34-35, Psalm 37:34-40

Dear Jesus, thank You for sharing this divine adventure of life on “billowed sail” with me. Fill the house of my heart. Amen.

April 20—John 11:38-44, Psalm 139:1-14

Dear Jesus, I look forward to hearing Your voice the moment heaven is opened for me. Amen.

April 21—Philippians 2:16-18, Psalm 150

Dear Savior, thank You for Your words of love and forgiveness and Your catalog of blessings, whose pages stretch beyond numbering. Amen.

April 22—Corinthians 5:1-10, Psalm 143

Dear Jesus, galvanize my courage as Your beloved discipline to long for unbeliever souls and share my own salvation story in You, precious Savior Amen.

April 23—2 Samuel 9, Psalm 131

Dear Jesus, when opportunities come, I pray for a generous heart to act with thankful actions and words. Amen

April 24—Proverbs 23:22-25, Psalm 128

Dear God, I pray for the fathers of this world to be fathers of compassion, love, instruction, acceptance, mercy, and encouragement, as You are. Amen.

April 25—John 12:23-29, Psalm 140:6-7, 12-13

Dear Jesus, make me a rescuer of lost souls. Bless and guard those who live under certain death for living out Your message of forgiveness. Amen.

April 26—Matthew 1:18-21, Psalm 107:1-9

Dear Jesus, may the Holy Spirit renew my abilities and gifts to build my house, my life, on the Rock—the Rock of my salvation. Amen.

April 27—Luke 7:1-10, Psalm 22:8

Dear Jesus, we desire the faith of the centurion; however, we cheat in our sins. But You still “pay up” with forgiveness. Thank You! Amen.

April 28—Luke 18:9-14, Psalm 117

Dear Jesus, make me a humble servant. God be merciful to me, a sinner. Amen

April 29—Mark 11:7-10, Psalm 119:41-48

Dear Jesus, the happy memories from childhood sometimes haunt me with longings, but I pray for a faith that looks forward to my eternal future with You. Amen.

April 30—Acts 3:8-12, Psalm 34:11-22

Dear Jesus, I suffer sadness or depression at times. Give to me the manners of John and Peter, and look into my eyes with hope and love. I need it daily. Thank You. 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**

Interested in making beautiful music with hand bells?

We are forming a group to begin playing next year. As soon as we are ready we will start playing in services.



If you have played hand bells before or even if you have not, ability to count is a priority.

Let us know if you are interested. Speak with Pastor Jim or Tere.

They have hand bell playing experience.

Hand bells make beautiful music and are fun to play.

***DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF THE  
KIRCHENBLATT IS FRIDAY, APRIL, 15.***

The Story League, Here is our upcoming schedule  
April 2, 2016 May 7, 2016 2PM-4PM

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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 CONGREGATIONAL NEWS.\*\*\*\***

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS:**

<b>WELCA MEETING</b>	<b>APRIL 9TH 9-11</b>
<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>APRIL 12TH 6PM</b>
<b>DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER</b>	<b>APRIL 15TH</b>
<b>POTLUCK DINNER</b>	<b>APRIL 17TH</b>
<b>ALLEGHENY SYNOD MEETING</b>	<b>APRIL 30TH 9-3</b>
<b>POTLUCK DINNER</b>	<b>MAY 15TH</b>
<b>SYNOD ASSEMBLY CAUCUS</b>	<b>MAY 17TH 7PM</b>
<b>WELCA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE</b>	<b>MAY 22ND 10:45AM</b>
<b>SYNOD ASSEMBLY CONVENTION</b>	<b>JUNE 3RD-4TH</b>
<b>CHURCH PICNIC</b>	<b>JUNE 12TH</b>

## 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.

Jokes and Jesus Comedy Show  
with Pastor John Telyea

at

Simpson-Temple United Parish  
2212 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona

April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

~~free admission~~

Show will also include  
Rise Worship Band and  
Living Water International  
who are going to El Salvador to dig wells







June 12, 2016  
Highland Park, Pavilion #1

11:00 AM Communion Worship Service

12:00 PM Meal

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.

Kindness trumps greed:  
it asks for sharing.  
Kindness trumps fear: it  
calls forth gratefulness and  
love. Kindness trumps even  
stupidity, for with sharing  
and love, one learns.  
Marc Estrin



### ***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  
Louisa Marshall  
Sylvia Malsatzki  
David Manbeck  
Pastor Jim Rill

*Pastor— Pastor James Rill, 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

#### Christian Education/ Social Ministry

##### **Janet Kauffman**

Maizie Emswiler  
\*Carolyn Feather  
\*Evelyn Holsinger  
\*Sylvia Malsatzki  
\*Shirley Manbeck  
\*David Manbeck  
\*Debra Morgan

#### Finance

##### **\*Mark Hoover**

\*Betty Boslet  
John Wiederkehr  
\*Donna Wilt  
Ralph Grove

#### Worship & Music

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

#### Property

Bob Holsinger  
\*Shirley Manbeck  
\*David Manbeck  
Earl Walters

#### By-Laws

##### **Mark Hoover**

\*Betty Boslet  
\*Carolyn Feather  
Maizie Emswiler  
\*Debra Morgan  
Edith Trinks

#### Stewardship/Evangelism

##### **\*Donna Wilt**

\*Dana Detwiler  
Janet Kauffman  
\*Louisa Marshall

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