



Kirchenblatt August 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 AUGUST 2016

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As you are aware, my time with you is coming to an end. My last Sunday is July 31. As I reflect upon our time together, I am amazed at all the ways in which God has brought us together to share in many of life's events and our ministry in Christ.. With some of you I have shared great joys and celebrations. With some I have shared great times of sorrow and grief. It has been an honor to share in these events along with other moments that we have shared in the Gospel and in the love of God as we were the very Body of Christ together.



I can not say "thank you" enough for all that you have shared, given to me and what we have done together in sharing the Gospel. Thank you for your love, your prayers, your encouragement, and above all, your willingness to go where God was calling us while I served as your pastor. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of that time with you. Your ministry has grown and you all have been raised by God from difficult events of the past.

Yet as I depart, I know that I am leaving you in good hands. I see the great potential that you have within your future that we have worked towards. We have done so much and done a lot of work to prepare the path for the future. We have established and renewed many good ministries and events that will allow the whole congregation to continue in their faith journey and welcome others into their own faith journey. Looking to the future, I see many blessings and joys that are able to happen. May God's Spirit and the hope in Christ remain with you.

God will lead and bless you with the gift of new pastors, Scott and Carol, who will care for you as I have. May you give them the time and patience you gave me on my arrival at St. James. They will need time to get to know each of you and the ways of your congregation. They are good pastors and committed and faithful Christians.

I will continue to pray for you as you continue to be the people that God is calling you to be and guiding you down the road together in Christ's ministry.

May God's rich blessings and love be upon you all.

Pastor Jim

Contribution & Attendance Summary

May 2015

Contributions \$1,896.50
Average Weekly Attendance: 26

May 2016

Contributions \$2,579.00
Average Weekly Attendance: 25

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

May 1, 2016 - May 31, 2016

INCOME

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Bank Interest | \$0.04 |
| Contributions | |
| General | \$2,429.00 |
| Designated | \$150.00 |
| Special | \$690.00 |
| Other Income | \$6,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$9,269.04 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Pastoral Administration | \$4,341.26 |
| Worship & Music | \$516.28 |
| Office | \$1,137.00 |
| Custodial & Property | \$1,481.66 |
| Uncategorized | \$1,373.84 |
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| | \$8,850.04 |

August Flower Chart and Bulletin's

Altar:

7
14
21
28

Bulletins:

7
14
21
28

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

August Birthdays

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Herbert Badorrek | 8/21 |
| Judie Harrison | 8/31 |
| Trenten Hartman | 8/8 |
| Deacen Hartman | 8/5 |
| Douglas Kauffman | 8/8 |
| Deborah Manbeck | 8/6 |
| David Manbeck | 8/18 |
| Richard Potter | 8/7 |
| April Silva | 8/4 |
| John Wiederkehr | 8/2 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

News and Notes from Council

ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2016 AT 6:00PM

DEVOTIONS: Devotions were offered by Pastor Jim.

CHURCH MINUTES: Minutes from June 14, 2016 were reviewed and the appropriate corrections were made. Evelyn Holsinger made a motion to accept. Donna Wilt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor gave us an updated report on Joe Yanke. Nellimae Parson's transfer is done. Debra Morgan is doing better but she cannot drive. If anyone is willing to pick her up, she will attend church. Betty Boslet made a motion to accept. Donna Foster seconded the motion.

PASTOR PAULA: Gave to all of us a TRANSITIONAL PASTOR CONTRACT between St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Revs. Scott and Carol Custead. Pastor Paula reminded us that we did not complete a Mission Profile as of this date.
We will vote on this at the end of the meeting and Mark Hoover will get back to Pastor Paula.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ralph Grove went over the figures. Discussions followed. Betty Booklet made a motion to accept. Sylvia Malsatzki seconded the motion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY: It was decided to change Pot Luck Luncheon from July 24th to July 31st. We will call this our FAREWELL PARTY for Pastor Jim and Tere. We will still have the pizza and salad catered. Members will be asked to bring desserts. A gift will be presented to Pastor Jim and Tere. Evelyn Holsinger made a motion to accept the date change and the gift. Donna Wilt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

July 24th, we will honor St. James Apostle with communion in the social hall.

August 7th, Sweets and Treats from 10:00am – 10:45am with Ann Bartley providing the Sweets and Treats. Thank you” to those who are donating or providing the treats.

June – Evelyn Holsinger and Donna Wilt

July - Donna Foster

August – Ann Bartley

September – Joe Yanke

Members are asked to sign up for the month that they chose to host the Sweets and Treats.

August 14th, we will have the New Pastors Reception for Revs. Scott and Carol Custead from 10:00am -10:45am Mark Hoover will take care of the refreshments.

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: No Report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: Ralph Grove report the Pipe Organ sounds good and they will check on it again in the fall. Praise Service is still in the process of getting started with the new pastors.

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE: No Report.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Church envelopes and member's names are done. Warner's Florist will be taking care of our flowers. Betty Boslet made a motion to accept. Donna Wilt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark addressed to Council in regards to Revs. Scott and Carol Custead coming to St. James. Discussions followed. Donna Foster made a motion to accept. Carolyn Feather seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donna Wilt asked if St. James would be willing to allow the Hollidaysburg Community Chorus to perform at St. James on August 21st. This would be advertise as a FREE performance. The offering that we take up would be given to the Hollidaysburg Community Chorus. Donna Wilt made the motion. Donna Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Carolyn Feather made a motion to adjourn. Sylvia Malsatzki seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm by standing and reciting the Lord's Prayer.





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THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS HELD IN JULY OR AUGUST!

A Warm Welcome to our new Pastors

Revs. Scott and Carol Custead



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

There will be a Pastors Sweet & Treat reception on August 14th to welcome the new pastors to our congregation from 10:00 am to 10:45 am before the service. Mark Hoover is supplying the goodies. Thanks Mark.

Sunday, July 24, 2016
We honor St. James, Apostle
(his saint day is July 25)

James, son of Zebedee was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, and traditionally considered the first apostle to be martyred. He was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the Apostle. He is also called James the Greater or James the Great to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus and James the Just. James the Greater is the patron saint of Spain, and as such is often identified as Santiago.

Join us on Sunday, July 24
for Holy Communion.



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
 Pastor Rill
 John Wiederkehr
 Dave Bickel
 Joe Yanke
 Brun Hilde Badorrek
 Janet Kauffman
 David & Jean Bickel
 Susan Boston
 Dorie Hoover
 Tim Surkovich
 Debra Morgan
 Ann Bartley
 Tom Bartley
 Terry Bartley
 Those serving in our military



Homewood of Altoona:

Dick Potter

Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:

Charlie Green

Patti Green

Maybrook Hills Rehab

Jake Leonard

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.

Southern Care Hospice Services COMFORT COMPASSION DIGNITY

When life matters most, Hospice Care helps patients and their families make the most of the days that remain. Southern Care Hospice care allows patients and families to focus on the things that matter the most – time with loved ones, sharing conversations with family and friends.

Hospice is about treating the whole person – mind, body and spirit. It is a plan of care that brings comfort, compassion and the closure for the patient and the family. Southern Care specializes in honoring life and offering comfort and dignity to both the patient and family who are facing a terminal prognosis.

What is Hospice? Hospice cares for the person, not the disease. Hospice reaffirms life. Hospice focuses on dignity. Hospice brings comfort and quality to the remaining months, weeks, and days. Hospice does not hurry death. Hospice does not prevent death.

Hospice offers guidance through the unknown. Hospice makes connections with needed resources. Hospice brings friendship and comfort through out the remaining time. Hospice continues after the patient's death by providing support to the caregiver. Hospice is not a place, but a philosophy of care based on a whole person concept of living and dying. It is a unique health care approach in which the patient and family are the focus, not the disease.

Contact us at 814 944-9724 at Southern Care Hospice today to get these questions answered:

- Who is eligible for Hospice?
- Where is Hospice Care provided?
- Who Provides Hospice?
- Who Pays for Hospice?
- Who is on the Hospice Team?
- When do I choose Hospice
- How do I become a volunteer and what will I do to help?
- Can I tell my doctor that I want Southern Care Hospice?

When Life Matters Most call Southern Care Hospice and let them help you. They offer compassion to individuals and their families when facing a life-limiting illness.

**EARLIER ADMISSIONS ALLOW US
TO BUILD LONGER RELATIONSHIPS
AND IMPROVE CARE.**

OUR SATISFACTION SURVEYS SHOW
60% OF PATIENTS
SAID THEY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE BEEN REFERRED EARLIER.

BENEFITS of choosing hospice earlier

FOR BOTH PATIENT AND FAMILY

- **Control of situation.**
- **Achieve identified goals.**
- **Achieve peace** with pending death.
- Have closure and **say good-bye with everyone together.**
- Become knowledgeable and **comfortable with the dying process.**
- **Expert assistance** and time to prepare for funeral and financial matters.
- **Save on cost** of medication, equipment and supplies.

WHEN LIFE MATTERS MOST.



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1701 12 Avenue, Building D
ALTOONA, PA 16602
814-944-9724

For More Information

visit our website at

www.southerncarehospice.com



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Our volunteers provide compassion and support for our patients and families at a very important time in their lives. Visit a patient and brighten their day, assist with an activity or simply with office duties. Call 814.944.9724 for more info

Aug 1—Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 119:1-16

Dear Jesus, thank You for the blessings of Your Word. Please let it dwell within me richly. Amen

Aug 2—1 Chronicles 16:23-34, Psalm 100

Creator God, help us always cherish Your gifts and respond with heartfelt thanks. Amen

Aug 3—Matthew 7:24-27, Psalm 59

Dear Father, order our lives by Your Word and Spirit so that in You, we may find our trust. Amen

Aug 4—Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-10 Psalm 116

Lord, let me find my joy in you. Amen

Aug 5—Acts 9:1-22, Psalm 102:1-13

Dear Jesus, thank You for my Baptism, through which I have become Your child. Amen

Aug 6—Luke 22:39-46, Psalm 28

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your saving love. Amen

Aug 7—Exodus 2:1-10, Psalm 5

Dear Father, please help us in the midst of difficult problems to rely on You as our strength. Amen

Aug 8—Ephesians 5:22-33, Psalm 30

Dear Jesus, help me to have a servant's heart of mercy to those around me. Amen

Aug 9—Luke 8:22-25, Psalm 56

Dear Jesus, in my fear and weakness, I doubt Your care; thank You for reaching out and rescuing me. Amen

Aug 10—1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 54

Father, we come to You with open hands and faltering faith; restore us and lift us up. Amen

Aug 11—Ephesians 2:8-9, Psalm 148

Dear Jesus, thank You for dying for my sins; help me to share that good news today and every day. Amen

Aug 12—John 14:1-14, Psalm 99

In You, dear Jesus, help us find our rest and peace. Amen

Aug 13—Acts 16:25-36, Psalm 6

Heavenly Father, thank You for hearing our prayers. Amen

Aug 14—Matthew 6:5-8, Psalm 88

O God, in whose mercy we have been redeemed, help us to live according to Your grace. Through Jesus we pray . Amen

Aug 15—Luke 1:26-38, Psalm 136

Father, inspire us to rejoice to do Your will and find in You perfect peace. Amen.

Aug 16—Isaiah 26:1-4, Psalm 62

Thank You, heavenly Father, for filling me with Your perfect peace. Amen

Aug 17—Genesis 1:26-28, Psalm 29

Dear Jesus, thank You for speaking the words that include me in Your kingdom.
Amen

Aug 18—Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 7

Dear Jesus, shine Your light of forgiveness and hope into my darkened life. Amen

Aug 19—Luke 15:1-7, Psalm 55

Dear Jesus, protect me with Your tender care as my own Good Shepherd. Amen

Aug 20—Genesis 22:1-19, Psalm 14

Heavenly Father, thank You for providing for me, even at times when it is difficult to see. Amen

Aug 21—Matthew 9:18-26, Psalm 115

Jesus, my anchor in the midst of stormy seas, grant me healing in this life and the next. Amen

Aug 22—1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-6, Psalm 15

Thank You, dear Jesus, for taking our punishment and giving us eternal life. Amen

Aug 23—Song of Samuel 1:1-4, Psalm 66

Dear Jesus, thank You for dying for me to restore me to You. Please help me to be Your loving image of hope in the world. Amen.

Aug 24—Genesis 45:4-11, Psalm 105:1-22

Dear Jesus, thank You for bringing peace and forgiveness to my life by Your life, death, and resurrection. Amen

Aug 25—John 5:37-43, Psalm 119:89-96

Dear Jesus, Word of God, please help me to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest Your Word. Amen

Aug 26—2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Psalm 21

Dear Father, help me to be still and know that You are God. Amen

Aug 27—1 Samuel 1:7-20, Psalm 17

Dear Jesus, help me in my distress. Be my aid and come to help. Amen

Aug 28—Luke 15:11-32, Psalm 62

Dear Jesus, thank You for dying for me and exchanging my sin for Your goodness.
Amen

Aug 29—Philippians 4:10-13, Psalm 107:1-22

Help me, dear Lord, to find my contentment in You. Amen

Aug 30—Matthew 27:57-61, Psalm 102

Dear Jesus, keep me in Your tender care now and forevermore. Amen

Aug 31—Daniel 6:16-23, Psalm 3

Heavenly Father, thank You for the witness of Daniel, whose trust in You helps us find the way to live our own lives. 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



Choir is off for the summer.
Rehearsals will resume
Sept 8th 7pm

The logo for the Altoona Curve baseball team. It features a red shield with the word "ALTOONA" in white at the top. Below that, the word "CURVE" is written in large, stylized, gold letters with a black outline. Underneath the letters is a cartoon illustration of a baseball player's head wearing a cap with a red "A" on it. The entire logo is enclosed in a red rectangular border.

**Lutheran Day
at the Curve
And The Great
Allegheny Tailgate
Sunday, July 24, 2016**
Tailgate: 4:00 p.m.
Game: 6:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$5.50 each.

***DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS
MONDAY, AUGUST, 15.***

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IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY, please contact **Pastor James Rill** by phone at **814-880-1612** or email **LionPrJim@aol.com46**.
The church office email is **stjamesaltoona@verizon.net** The church's website is **www.stjamesaltoona.org**
Find us on Facebook to get up-to-date information.

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:

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|--|--------------|
| ST JAMES SUNDAY (COMMUNION) | JULY 24TH |
| POTLUCK (PASTOR JIM & TERE'S FAREWELL DINNER) | JULY 31ST |
| SWEET & TREATS | AUG 7TH 10AM |
| COUNCIL MEETING | AUG 9TH 6PM |
| SWEET & TREATS RECEPTION FOR NEW PASTORS 10:00-10:45AM | AUG 14TH |
| SEPT KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE | AUG 15TH |
| HOLLIDAYSBURG COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT (FREE CONCERT, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) | AUG 21ST 3PM |

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.

Pot Luck Dinner will be changed from July 24th to July 31st for Pastor Jim & Tere's farewell dinner. Pizza, salad & soda will be provided. The congregation is welcome to bring a pot luck desert.

*A fond Good Bye to our Pastor Jim Rill and his wife Tere.
Thank you for the service to our church and Blessings on your journey.*



Hollidaysburg Community Chorus

FREE Concert. Open to the Public. Sunday, August 21st. 3PM St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church 1407 Eighth Avenue Altoona, PA 16602. Directed By: Sandy Harteis

Ann Bartley is donating the treats for the August 7th Sweets & Treats. Thank you Ann.

**There will be a Pastors Sweet & Treat reception on August 14th to welcome the new pastors to our congregation from 10:00 am to 10:45 am before the service. Mark Hoover is supplying the goodies.
Thanks Mark.**



**THRIVENT
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RAISING FINANCIALLY FIT KIDS

The book of Proverbs is filled with practical guidance for living a life rooted in the faith. One well-known, often quoted verse is Proverbs 22:6, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." In other words, if we teach kids good practices and disciplines when they're young, those ideas will likely stay with them for the rest of their lives.

As parents, we do our best to prepare the children in our lives for adulthood. We serve as role models, we teach them about God's love and grace, how to be kind, have good manners and treat others as we want to be treated. We want them to be successful, to thrive and to live abundant lives, yet many of us stop short of teaching them basic money management. We have good intentions—after all, they are little and we don't want to burden them with such adult matters. But why not consider preparing them to develop solid values and good money habits while they are still children? It doesn't have to be burdensome or complicated!

To support you in this, Thrivent Financial has designed materials to assist you in having age-appropriate conversations around the financial values you want your children to have. We've simplified the conversation by creating three basic money choices:

- **Sharing:** We can share our money with organizations and causes we care about, such as our church or local food shelves.
- **Saving:** We can save money for our goals, such as a new bicycle or a college education.
- **Spending:** We can spend our money wisely on things we need and want, such as food or a family vacation.

One day, you'll look at your kids and realize they've grown up to be successful adults who understand the importance of being good stewards with the resources God has entrusted to their care. And, for a parent, what could be better than that?

This article provided compliments of Thrivent Financial and Andrea K. Paul, CLTC, FIC, Financial Associate, (814)-695-3496, andrea.paul@thrivent.com.

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
Pastor Jim Rill

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

*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

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
*Sylvia Malsatzki
*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
Thrivent Rep-?
A.L.S.M. Rep—?