



Kirchenblatt June 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 JUNE 2016

We are traveling through the Pentecost Season as we travel through the summer of 2016. Pentecost is a big Sunday celebration. But it also reminds us that Jesus sent his Spirit to be with us in all in our travels in life. Somewhere in the chaos of the violent wind and the tongues of fire are the wonderlands where God is moving in our lives. Even when life seems so scary and so chaotic or we find ourselves lost in problems or situations, we are to remember God's Spirit is always with us. The apostles in the Pentecost story knew what to do next because Jesus sent the Holy Spirit — the one who comes alongside us and encourages, equips, strengthens, provokes and comforts us so we can get out there and do again what needs to be done. The Spirit helps us to find the beauty in the wind, the light in the darkness.



We need to see the Spirit in our everyday midst, coming alongside us and showing us a new way. Our world view needs to be shaken so that we can see what others see and come out a changed person.

This Pentecost Season, may we be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit to show us, amid the chaos or in the beauty or the confusion or clarity in our lives, where God is working.

May we all have a restful and relaxing **Pentecost** in this summer time. Join us for our outdoor picnic and worship on June 12 at Highland Park for worship and music, good food and summer fun with the Spirit of our Lord.

Safe travels to all this summer time,

Pastor Jim



29th Annual Allegheny Synod Assembly June 3, 4 + Blair County Convention Center

REMINDER: There is NO THURSDAY EVENING worship.

The Principle Eucharist with the Rite of Ordination will be held on Friday, June 3 at the Blair County Convention Center. Congregational singing begins at 6:45 p.m. and Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. Essence 2, the community gospel choir from State College under the direction of Tony Leach, will be joining us. You are invited to attend this lively service of worship and praise.

**Contribution & Attendance
Summary**

March 2015

Contributions \$3,579.50
Average Weekly Attendance: 30

March 2016

Contributions \$2,397.25
Average Weekly Attendance:

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

March 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$.06
Contributions	
General	\$2206.25
Designated	\$191.00
Special	\$195.00
Other Income	\$12000.00
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EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2579.28
Worship & Music	\$591.28
Office	\$1251.42
Custodial & Property	\$9250.57
Uncategorized	\$112.09
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**June Flower Chart and
Bulletin's**

Altar:

- 5
- 12
- 19
- 26

Bulletins:

- 5
- 12
- 19
- 26

June Birthdays

Judith Bryan	6/19
Janet Kauffman	6/16
Steven Hartman	6/24
Karen Hench	6/28
Robin Kessler	6/24
Verna Mills	6/6
Lynzi Vandevander	6/10
Julia Wilt	6/5
Joe Yanke	6/7

News and Notes from Council

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

Council Meeting was cancelled due to the passing of Council Member Louisa Marshall



Louisa Marshall

April 2, 1940

May 9, 2016



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THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY

In the second of his letters to the people of Corinth, the Apostle Paul talks about the sharing of resources so that no one in the community has to do without.

He inspired generosity when he told them in 2 Corinthians 8:13-15, "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

Giving is an expression of our faith. It's a way to show our generosity, faithfulness and willingness to help those that Paul described as "having too little." For God so loved the world that he gave—let's joyfully follow his example and do the same. Giving provides an opportunity to:

- **Connect with others.** As with the people of Corinth, giving allows us to rely on one another and help when there's a need.
- **Be part of something bigger.** Find a cause that you are passionate about and see how you can be of service to them.
- **Make a difference.** Your support can make a direct impact on organizations and the people they serve.

There are endless ways to support the causes that matter to you. Giving can be contagious and jump-start a generosity movement throughout your community. Your willingness to give back invites others to do the same.

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



W.e.l.c.a.

Allegheny Synod Women's Organization held their 28th annual convention at St James April 30.
"BRING GOD'S GIVE TO LIFE"

Pastor James Rill welcomed over 40 attendees to the day long convention. Greetings were brought to all by Bishop Michael Rhyne. Pastor Paula Schmitt brought us an excellent worship message. Pastor Karen Telyea gave an inspiring bible study.

The day was filled with board business, selection of new WELCA board and voting for attendees to the 2017 Tenth Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis.

Peggy Thatcher and Casey College will represent Allegheny Synod at this event.

The day long gathering was blessed with Deborah Banks from the church wide WELCA and Donna Greifza Triennial gathering promoter.

Various workshops were held.... Trinity Lutheran church quilt tying of fleece blankets.

Human trafficking was big hit with Donna Rhoades from organization of "Change Purse". Many congregation denoted used ...good purses and other were sold to anyone interested in buying. Donna reports the event was one of the best she has had ever had. A big thank you to purse, contributions brought in by those who attending this WELCA event.

Andrea Paul Thrivent presented workshop on "Identity Theft". An excellent workbook was provided for all with different items we need to know about identity thefts ever growing issue.

In gathering offering was designated for the Women Help Center in Johnstown and the Centre County women's resource center.

Great food and plenty of it... excellent friendships with a day full of love and togetherness was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you St James for opening your parish to WELCA of the Allegheny Synod. A big thank you to WELCA women of St James who was instrumental in providing great breakfast items. Thank you for directing our hearts and minds as we all brought God's Gift to Life.

St James WELCA meeting June 11 at 9:00 am. Election of officers will take place so please try to attend. WELCA of St James parish is open to all women. Join us!

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



Homewood of Altoona:

Dick Potter

Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:

Charlie Green
 Patti Green

In their own homes:

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

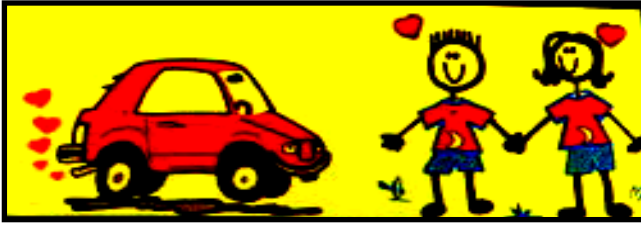
From the Office of the Bishop....

Rev. Steve Lynn, pastor at Grace, State College, recovering from lower back surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

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



**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:

- **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 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.

June 2—Ecclesiastes 10, Psalm 62

O Lord Jesus Christ, we daily swerve from the paths of righteousness. By Your Word and Spirit, preserve us in Your righteousness, that we may not swerve. Amen

June 3—John 10:22-42, Psalm 142

O Lord Jesus Christ, since You and the Father are one, by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, that we may receive the peace of God, which passes all understanding. Amen

June 4—Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 118

O Lord Jesus Christ, according to Your mercy, help us to love the least of these in Your name. Amen

June 5—Luke 24:44-53, Psalm 115

O Lord Jesus Christ, You do not take pleasure in the death of the wicked, but have given Yourself into death for all who transgress the Law. Have mercy upon us, and keep us steadfast in Your Word. Amen.

June 6—Proverbs 3:5-24, Psalm 119:169-176

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant to us both the rest of our bodies and Sabbath rest, even as You have purchased and won us from sin, death, and the devil. Amen.

June 7—John 12:1-19, Psalm 123

O Lord Jesus Christ, we are surrounded by death even in life. Deliver us according to the name You have placed upon us, lest we perish. Amen.

June 8—Proverbs 5, Psalm 33

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, so that we are not carried away by the lust of the flesh. Amen

June 9—John 12:36b-50, Psalm 80

O Lord Jesus Christ, keep us from seeking the glory of men, and abide with us in the glory of Your holy body, crucified and risen. Amen

June 10—Luke 7:11-17, Psalm 65

O Lord Jesus Christ, You once raised a young man from the dead and thereby drew praise from all who saw it. Help us also to praise You for visiting us in mercy. Amen

June 11—Mark 6:7-13, Psalm 112

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Holy Spirit continue to make known Your mercies through the mouths and feet of Your humble servants. Amen

June 12—Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 101

O Lord Jesus Christ, all thanks and praise be to You. Though we are not worthy to be called Your children, You deliver us from our enemies. Amen

June 13—Proverbs 13, Psalm 97

O Lord Jesus Christ, govern and sanctify our words, even as Your Word sanctifies us. Amen.

June 14—2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 49

Lord Jesus Christ, as You have conquered sin and death on our behalf, help us to be still and know that You are God. Amen.

June 15—Proverbs 15:1-29, Psalm 10

O Lord Jesus Christ, keep us from stirring up strife so that we may be at peace with all people, not counting their trespasses against them. Amen.

June 16—John 16:1-16, Psalm 147

O Lord Jesus Christ, we do not see You in this short time of suffering. Keep us faithful that we may see You face-to-face in glory. Amen.

June 17—Proverbs 17, Psalm 56

O Lord Jesus Christ, You suffered the eternal wrath of God so that we may abide in Your righteousness. In Your mercy, increase our faith. Amen.

June 18—2 Chronicles 35:20-27, Psalm 45

O Lord Jesus Christ, we do not always seek or know Your will in temporal matters. Have mercy upon us in our weakness. Amen.

June 19—Proverbs 22:1-21, Psalm 102

O Lord Jesus Christ, keep us from folly so that we would never despise and neglect Your Word. Amen.

June 20—John 18:15-40, Psalm 47

O Lord Jesus Christ, help us to believe, receive, and teach Your kingdom as it is in reality, and not as the world believes. Amen.

June 21—Proverbs 24:1-22, Psalm 22

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve us from undue worry over evildoers. Amen.

June 22—John 19:23-42, Psalm 91

O Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for making us to be bodily partakers of both Your sufferings and resurrection. Amen.

June 23—Proverbs 27:1-24, Psalm 81

O Lord Jesus Christ, rebuke us not in Your wrath, but by Your tender mercies save us from the judgement we deserve. Amen.

June 24—Luke 1:57-80, Psalm 90

O Lord Jesus Christ, Your servant John the Baptist was given as one to point clearly to You. Help us to receive all faithful instruction as Your Word is further brought into our hearing. Amen

June 25—1 Timothy 6:11-16, Psalm 122

O Lord Jesus Christ, You fought the good fight by Your innocent suffering and death on our behalf. Help us to confess You before all in truth and purity. Amen.

June 26—Jeremiah 18:1-17, Psalm 31

O Lord Jesus Christ, in Your mercy help us to be conformed not to this world, but to Your Word and will. Amen.

June 27—Matthew 5:13-19, Psalm 73

O Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for fulfilling the Law and the Prophets on our behalf. Keep us steadfast in Your Word Amen.

June 28—Luke 11:33-36, Psalm 138

O Lord Jesus Christ, true light of the world, enlighten our darkness so that we, too, may bear Your mercies into the entire world. Amen

June 29—Galatians 2:1-10, Psalm 46

O Lord Jesus Christ, You took the place of all sinners so that we may be partakers of Your suffering and resurrection. Preserve us from the fear of men rather than of God. Amen.

June 30—Acts 10:1-18, Psalm 114

O Lord Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself into death and are now raised from the dead. Continue to feed Your holy people with the most necessary food, Your body and blood. 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.

Our goal is to start this coming fall.



**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 JULY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE, 15.***

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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:

SYNOD ASSEMBLY CONVENTION	JUNE 3RD-4TH
SWEETS & TREATS	JUNE 5TH
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	JUNE 6TH
WELCA MEETING	JUNE 11TH
CHURCH PICNIC	JUNE 12TH
JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE	JUNE 15TH

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If you would like to opt-out of receiving a hard copy of this newsletter, please contact the church office either by phone or email.



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.



Church Picnic Information:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns, Paper Plates, Utensils, Table Cloths, and drinks are being provided. Just bring yourself and a covered dish!

Entertainment: Pat McConnell (Church Organist) and her band Rokkandy will be performing after the meal. So come out and enjoy God's creation along with the fellowship, music, and spiritual message.



**Lutheran Day
at Kennywood**

sponsored by the
Southwestern PA Synod

July 18, 2016

A promotional poster for a Lutheran Day event at Kennywood. The top half of the poster features a photograph of a roller coaster track at Kennywood, with a wooden sign in the foreground that says "Kennywood". The bottom half of the poster has a solid blue background with yellow and white text. The text reads "Lutheran Day at Kennywood" in large yellow letters, "sponsored by the Southwestern PA Synod" in smaller white letters, and "July 18, 2016" in large yellow letters at the bottom.

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

*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

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