

Kirchenblatt August 2018

(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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Phone: 814-254-3072 Email: scustead@atlanticbb.net or ccustead@atlanticbb.net**

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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 2018



As I write this newsletter article Pastor Carol and I are planning a trip to northern Minnesota. We are going with our son for a few days to see some of the vacation sights of his childhood and to visit the graves of Carol's parents. In October my nephew's wedding will have us visiting Los Angeles, and while we are there we will visit the graves of my parents and sister. I grew up far away from any relatives, and I now live far from my childhood home. This means that visiting graveyards was not something I have done very often.

Of course, that does not mean that I am a stranger to the places. My ministry has put me beside graves hundreds of times. I could write a review column for the newspaper on the cemeteries of this area of Pennsylvania. I am very familiar with them.

However, visiting the grave of a loved one is not the same as simply being in a cemetery. I have only been to my parents' and sister's graves once since my mother and sister died. That visit was a hurried affair during a vacation with our son's family. These upcoming visits will be much more intentional.

**PASTOR'S LETTER FOR
August 2018**

Do you take flowers? Talk to the deceased? Sit quietly and pray? Have a picnic? I am not sure what I will or should do. If I had grown up visiting cemeteries regularly with my parents, I would have inherited some sort of ritual. That would be helpful. I, however, did not, so I am on my own to make sense of it all.

I know that God will be present when I visit. I know that the promises of the resurrection remain true and powerful. It still, however, will no doubt be a somber and confusing experience. Grief is a complex emotion. I don't have to have it all worked out. I will simply go, and trust that the Spirit is present. Thankfully Carol and I have each other to offer companionship. I also know that as my sisters and brothers in Christ read this article they will offer a prayer. It is enough.

Pastor Scott Custead

Contribution & Attendance Summary

May 2017

Contributions \$1,615

Average Weekly Attendance: 28

May 2018

Contributions \$1,821

Average Weekly Attendance: 24

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

May 1, 2018 - May 31, 2018

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$	
Contributions		
General	\$1,721.00	
Designated	\$	
Special	\$100.00	
Other Income	\$6,000	
		\$7,821.00

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$1,736.42
Worship & Music	\$754.08
Office	\$1,057.45
Custodial & Property	\$2,099.09
Uncategorized	\$4068.25
	\$9,715.29

August Flower Chart and Bulletin's

Altar:

- 5
- 12
- 19
- 26

Bulletins:

- 5
- 12
- 19
- 26

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



Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look upon this congregation with grace. Guide the minds of our Call Committee members as they discern which of your servants will be our next pastor. Please grant that we might receive a faithful shepherd who will care for us and continue to equip us for ministry in this place. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich Joe Yanke

(Names for inclusion on our parish prayer list can be submitted to the church office. The name will remain on the list for one month. At the end of that period please advise the church office, if you would like the name to be continue for another month.)



Those serving in our military

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade

Robert Civils

Presbyterian Village in Holidaysburg:

Charlie Green

Patti Green

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck

Glenn Dell

Marlene Leonard

John Wiederkehr

Remember In Your Prayers

From the Office of the Bishop....

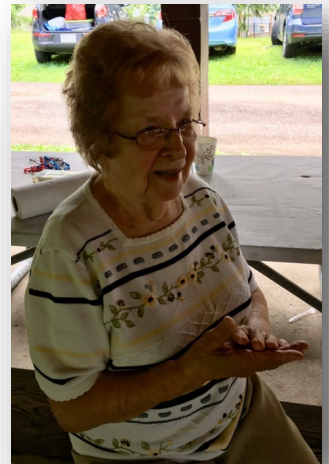
THE VISITATION TEAM ASKS

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@gmail.com

◆If anyone knows of someone needing prayers, contact the church office.



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St James Family:

I write this note as a big "thank you" to all who made St. James summer picnic a big success. The morning worship at Highland Park was certainly a delight and a truly wonderful experience. Many hands came together to make our day enjoyable and quite remarkable. The weather was perfect, and the food was beyond good tasting.

Of course the afternoon live music kept our toes tapping and we all rocked our memory of an era of old time favorite songs.

A gracious thanks goes out to all the wonderful cooks....set up folks and the clean up people. Everybody hopefully had a memorable part in this day.

Of course we must always thank our Lord for blessing us with the opportunity to share in breaking of bread...worship....singingmany laughs and our filled stomachs.

Hats off again to all who took part in this wonderful.... fun filled Sunday morning at Highland Park.

Thank you my friends.

Margaret (Peggy) Thatcher

A BIG thank you for Bob and Evelyn Holsinger for organizing the picnic.

Bob Holsinger and Bill Wilt for grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Pat McConnell's band, ROKKANDY for the entertainment.

Peggy Thatcher for entertaining us also, with bingo and winning prizes.

Thank you to ALL for participating with covered dishes and helping to clean up.

We had great conversations, food and great weather.



Attention Married Couples:

Don't pass up your chance to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend this fall at the beautiful, hotel-style Olmsted Retreat Center in the Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh. The dates are: October 19-21, 2018.

Plan to attend the number-one-rated marriage enrichment program presented by Lutheran Marriage Encounter! But hurry, register NOW to reserve your spot and avoid being on a waiting list.

If the October Weekend doesn't work for you, please consider road-tripping to the Poconos for the September 14-16 Weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA; or registering for the November 9-11 Weekend at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox Massachusetts.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses and towards the continuation of the program. Simply go to: GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$100/couple registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.



Saint James the Apostle's Story

Saint of the Day for July 25

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. "He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (Mark 1:19-20).

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother.

Saint Matthew tells that their mother came—Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They said to him, 'We can'" (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it "is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident "We can!"

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life.

On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—"sons of thunder"—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to hated Jerusalem. "When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' Jesus turned and rebuked them..." (Luke 9:54-55).

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the *Letter of James* and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

Aug 1—Acts 1:1-5, Psalm 143

Lord Jesus, we wait on Your promises. In them is our salvation. Amen

Aug 2—Acts 1:21-26, Psalm 118:15-29

Father in heaven, may the testimony of Your Son continue to relieve doubt and unbelief in our lives. Amen

Aug 3—Acts 2:1-13, Psalm 96

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit, that we, too, may understand and receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen

Aug 4—Acts 2:25-36, Psalm 31

Lord Christ, by Your Holy Spirit, may everyone for whom You were crucified also call You Lord. Amen

Aug 5—Acts 2:37-41, Psalm 107:1-22

When we are unsure, dear Father, remind us of our Baptism, where Your promise is very sure. Amen

Aug 6—Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 132

Heavenly Father, draw us into fellowship with You and with one another, with Your Son at the center. Amen

Aug 7—Acts 3:11-16, Psalm 110

Father in heaven, grant us repentant hearts that we may hear the message of the Author of Life. Amen

Aug 8—Acts 3:17-26, Psalm 1

Heavenly Father, grant us faith in the Word and Sacraments that bring us Your Son on Your terms. Amen

Aug 9—Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 27

Lord Jesus, we cannot save ourselves, but we trust in You. We know that You'll not fail us. Amen

Aug 10—Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 119:49-64

Father in heaven, may our trust in Your Son be unwavering. Amen

Aug 11—Acts 6:1-6, Psalm 86

Lord Jesus, bless everyone called to serve in Your Church, so that no people do their work by their own strength, but instead by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen

Aug 12—Acts 7:44-50, Psalm 51:10-19

Lord Jesus, preserve Your Word for us, and call us back to where You dwell.
Amen

Aug 13—Acts 8:4-17, Psalm 81:1-7
Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to seek You out where You promise to be. Amen

Aug 14—Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 34
Lamb of God, who has taken away our sins, grant us Your peace. Amen

Aug 15—Acts 9:10-19, Psalm 146
Lord Jesus Christ, remind us daily of our Baptism, and teach us to rely on You and not on ourselves. Amen

Aug 16—Acts 10:9-33, Psalm 108
Lord Jesus, stand with us, so that even though we're common, we can be the children of God. Amen

Aug 17—Acts 10:34-38, Psalm 66:5-12
Lord God, may the abundance of Your gifts keep us in Your blessed flock. Amen

Aug 18—Acts 11:19-30, Psalm 65
Heavenly Father, use us as Your servants to help our neighbors in need. Amen

Aug 19—Acts 12:6-17, Psalm 13
Lord God, hear our prayers, not because of our faith, but because of Your mercy. Amen

Aug 20—Acts 13:26-41, Psalm 147:1-11
Jesus Christ, give us faith in Your forgiveness and the freedom it brings. Amen

Aug 21—Acts 13:44-52, Psalm 85
O Holy Spirit, awaken in us the joy that never ends and keep us by Your power in every time of trial and adversity. Amen

Aug 22—Acts 16:1-5, Psalm 119:65-80
Lord Jesus, may human customs never close our ears to Your Gospel. Amen

Aug 23—Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 78:1-16,67-72
O Holy Spirit, direct our eyes to Your works, especially when we're troubled by doubt. Amen

Aug 24—Acts 17:1-9, Psalm 41
Father in heaven, thank You for keeping every one of Your promises. Amen

Aug 25—Acts 17:22-34, Psalm 50:7-23
Lord Jesus Christ, judge us not by our works but by Your great mercy. Amen

Aug 26—Acts 19:1-20, Psalm 33:1-12
Lord Jesus Christ, may Your Word grow among us and in us. Amen

Aug 27—Acts 20:17-38, Psalm 102
Heavenly Father, watch over the Shepherds You have sent us. Amen

Aug 28—Acts 21:1-16, Psalm 112
Our Father in heaven, Thy will be done. Amen

Aug 29—Acts 22:1-22, Psalm 6
Lord, remind us every day of Your great mercy in Holy Baptism. Amen

Aug 30—Acts 24:1-21, Psalm 90
Lord God, teach us by Your Word to know Your faithfulness. Amen

Aug 31—Acts 26:1-23, Psalm 32
Lord Jesus, keep us ever by Your power. Amen



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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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The church office email is stjamesaltoona@gmail.com The church's website is www.stjamesaltoona.org
Find us on Facebook to get up-to-date information.

Pastor Scott and Carol will be away from Thursday, July 19 through Monday, July 23. During our absence Pastor Barry Folmar will be covering pastoral emergencies for St. James. He can be reached at 814-404-6615.

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.******

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

LUTHERAN DAY AT ALTOONA CURVE	AUG 5
BETHANY TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND	
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE	AUG 15
TO SEE THE PRODUCTION OF JESUS	AUG 25
LUTHERAN FALL FESTIVAL	SEP 22

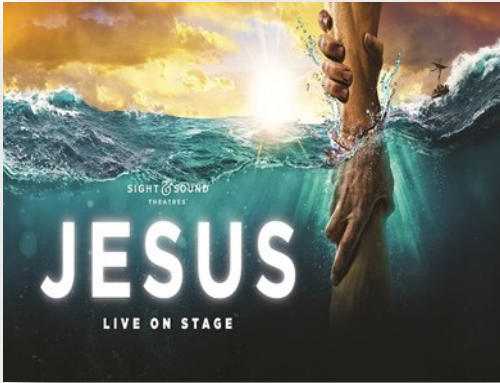
**NO COUNCIL MEETINGS UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 11TH**

**NO POTLUCK DINNERS UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 23RD**

**NO CHOIR REHEARSAL UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 5TH**

**SWEETS AND TREATS
WILL RESUME
OCTOBER 7TH**





IMPORTANT!!!!

Your full payment of (\$145) must be paid by Sunday July 29th 11 AM to the Bethany Lutheran Church.

NOTE: Payment goes to Bethany’s Office **NOT** St. James's Office

Sight and Sound Trip 2018....JESUS

Last May, Bethany Lutheran took a trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see the production of Jonah and everyone had a wonderful experience. It was such a great experience, we decided to go to Sight and Sound, in Lancaster, PA, again!! **For the 2018 season, Sight and Sound will be unveiling a BRAND NEW show entitled JESUS. We are planning to take a trip to see the production of Jesus on Saturday, August 25th for a 11am show with lunch to follow. Cost for your bus ride, the show, and lunch at Hershey Farms will be \$145 per person and children cost \$99.** We will be having a sign up sheet by the Church Office soon. Hurry and sign up before you lose your chance for what will be a wonderful experience. ****For those signing up, we ask for a \$25 deposit to reserve you space. We also ask for you to have your full payment (\$145) to be paid by July 29****

NAME(S) _____

BEST WAY TO CONTACT (phone/address/email)



Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve and the Great Allegheny Tailgate Sunday, August 5, 2018

Tailgate 4:00-5:00 p.m. at The Allegheny Synod Office, 701 Quail Ave. Altoona Hot dogs & drinks provided—bring a snack to share.

Game begins at 6:00 p.m. Peoples Natural Gas Field Blair County Ballpark Adults/Children Age 3 and up: \$5.50 per person * Children Age 2 and Under: Free

(*There will be a mailing fee of 50 for each group of tickets)

Fireworks after the game!

Complete the order form and return it to the Synod office by Friday, July 14 Allegheny Synod, 701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602



Altoona Curve Ticket Order Form

Contact Person's Name _____

Contact Person's Phone _____

Contact Person's Street Address _____

Contact Person's City/State/Zip _____

Adults/Youth ages 3 & up _____ x \$5.50 = _____

Children age 2 & under _____ x free = _____ Must sit on adult's lap

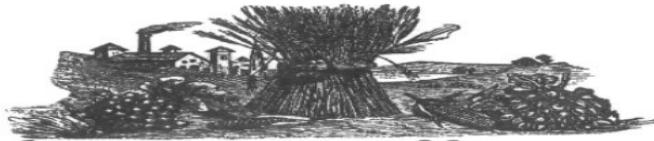
Number attending Tailgate _____ FREE

Plus 1-time Mailing Fee _____ = 50

Total Amount Enclosed _____

- Tickets will be mailed as orders are received to the contact person listed above. PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND COMPLETE INFORMATION IN FULL. PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ORDER FORM.
- Children age 2 and under must sit on an adult's lap at the Curve game to receive a free ticket. If you prefer a separate seat it would be at the cost of \$5.50.
- Order deadline: July 20
- Questions? Call the Synod office at 814.942.1042

Mail completed Order Form with payment to: Allegheny Synod, 701 Quail Ave., Altoona, PA 16602



Lutheran Fall Festival

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Legion Park, Hollidaysburg

Vendors, Food, Music

Festival Hours: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Candlelight Worship at 6:30 p.m.

The Festival is FREE

Dinner Tickets are \$10

Dinner provided by Holland Bros.

Use the order form on the back to order tickets

*Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship
If your congregation is interested in having a booth,
contact Pastor Drew McCaffrey: blcpastor@atlanticbbn.net
or 944-7560*

*If your congregation is interested in performing, contact Sam
Dunkle at sadunkle@pa.gov or 937-6385*

All Are Welcome

Allegheny Synod Lutheran Fall Festival Meal Order Form

Saturday, September 22, Legion Park, Hollidaysburg

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of Tickets _____ X \$10 = _____

**Payment must be included with order.
Make checks payable to Allegheny Synod
with "Festival" in the memo line**

Mail order form with payment to:
Allegheny Synod
701 Quail Ave., Altoona, PA 16602

Church Council Members

Mark Hoover—President
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Dana Detwiler—Secretary
Ralph Grove—Treasurer
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Carolyn Feather
Donna Foster
Shirley Manbeck
Sylvia Malsatzki
Bill Wilt
Donna Wilt
Pastors Carol & Scott Custead

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

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

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

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

Mutual Ministry

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

Worship & Music

*Dana Detwiler
*Donna Foster
*Mark Hoover
*Sylvia Malsatzki
Pat McConnell
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*Carolyn Feather

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