

Kirchenblatt October 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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MISSION STATEMENT:

TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND
SACRAMENT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**PASTOR'S LETTER FOR
October 2018**

You have to have noticed the leaves by now. As I am writing this they are just beginning to change. By the time you read this, they will probably be most the way into full color. It is beautiful. Every now and then, God knocks us up on the side of the head. We get sort of a divine “SLOW DOWN. LOOK AT THIS. IT IS GOOD.”

Of course, it is always true. Life is always a gift. God wants most of us to slow down most of the time. A beautiful fall day is sort of a spiritual exclamation point. You really do have to have your eyes closed to miss the point. God is usually pretty subtle, but every now and then the divine volume goes up a notch.

It would be wonderful, if I could take some of the wonder that a fall day elicits and carry it into every day. I think I say that every year, but somehow I never do. Maybe that is why God gives us the season every year. Each colorful day is another chance to hear God's voice and see God's beauty. I will no doubt forget the lessons of fall by the time the last leaf has fallen. I imagine that I will be grumbling by the time I am trying to get the ice off the car windshield. However, that doesn't mean I should give up.

Maybe this is the year the lesson will sink into the deepest part of my heart. Maybe this is the year that I will treasure each beautiful moment of the season. Maybe this year I will break into some beatific vision and get a halo glowing around my head.

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What? You don't think so? Neither do I. However, the season is still a gift. God is not only awesome, God is also patient. If I fail to notice the beauty of the day before me, God will give me another one. And if I miss the season entirely, God will do it again next year.

I hope you and I manage at least once this season to really see the beauty of God. The moment probably won't last forever. It probably won't even last long. It will, however, make a point. God is good even when we do not notice. God is calling, even when we are not listening. God is gracious, even when we do not notice.

Maybe I should find one beautiful yellow leaf early in the season and put it on my desk. Maybe it will remind me how much it is true that God is God and God is good.

Pastor Scott Custead

Contribution & Attendance Summary

July 2017

Contributions \$1,910.10
 Average Weekly Attendance: 19

July 2018

Contributions \$1,767.75
 Average Weekly Attendance: 18

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

July 1, 2018 - July 30, 2018

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,747.75
Designated	\$
Special	\$20.00
Other Income	\$16,008.80
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EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$1,736.42
Worship & Music	\$542.90
Office	\$1,090.70
Custodial & Property	\$458.06
Uncategorized	\$.2,589.16
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	\$6,417.24

**October Flower Chart
and Bulletin's**

Altar:

7
14
21
28

Bulletins:

7
14
21
28

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

October Birthdays

Paulette Frederick	10/12
Dana Mayo (Wilt)	10/13
Debra Morgan	10/24
David Parsons III	10/31
Michael Savino	10/26
Gabrielle Tyler	10/29

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:



Tim Surkovich
Joe Yanke
Dolores Foster

(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

From the Office of the Bishop....

God's Work, Our Hands

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM) welcomes volunteers during God's Work, Our Hands weekend. Suggestions for volunteer opportunities are listed below. If you would like to volunteer at an ALSM community please contact Cory, Suzy or Mariya and they will assist you in coordinating your visit. Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure with ALSM!

The Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg

Contact: Cory Geishauser, 814.696.4530

The Lutheran Home at Johnstown

Contact: Suzy Albaugh, 814.255.7507

The Oaks at Pleasant Gap

Contact: Mariya Anosova, 814.359.1101

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.

WELCA Cider and Sweaters

"DO ONE THING DIFFERENTLY"

Presented by

Andrea Paul Thrivent

Saturday October 6th 9:30 -11:30

St. James Lutheran Church

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Silent Auction..... Fall and Harvest

RSVP by September 30th

Peggy 943-4749 Donna 942-0379

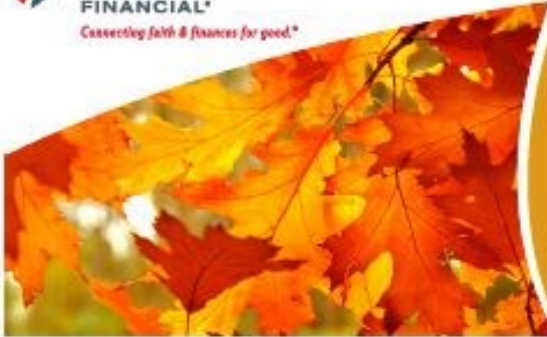


JOIN us for some ginger bread and cider.

Presented by WELCA

(Women Evangelical Lutheran Church America)

And Ladies of St. James



YOU'RE INVITED

Please join me for a silent auction, refreshments, and workshop.

This event is presented by the WELCA women of St. James. All money raised from the silent auction will be donated to a local charity.

As always, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet your family and friends. If you know someone who could benefit from the financial services I provide, please bring him or her along.

EVENT DETAILS:

Saturday, October 6, 2018
 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 St James Lutheran Church
 1407 8th Avenue
 Altoona, PA

HOSTED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Andrea K. Paul, FIC, RICP®, CLTC®

A brief educational presentation will take place. Ginger bread and cider will be served.

Please RSVP by September 24, 2018. Call Peggy Thatcher at 814-943-4749.

No products will be sold at this event.
 Insurance products issued or offered by Thrivent Financial, the marketing name for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Appleton, WI. Not all products are available in all states.

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Oct 1—Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, Psalm 34:4-6,12-13

Dear Lord, thank You for giving us Your Word, where salvation in Your Son, Jesus Christ, can be found. Amen

Oct 2—2 Samuel 6:12-23, Psalm 96

Heavenly Father, grant me the courage to spread the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Oct 3—Mathew 6:25-33, Psalm 37:1-7

Omnipotent and omniscient Lord, give us the faith we need to entrust our daily needs to You. Amen

Oct 4—Matthew 20:20-28, Psalm 36

Almighty God, lead us to do Your will so that the world may know of salvation in Christ Jesus. Amen

Oct 5—Hebrews 9:11-28, Psalm 111

Dear Jesus, thank You for saving us with Your holy and precious blood. Amen

Oct 6—Nehemiah 4:1-14, Psalm 79

Omnipotent Lord, give us the strength to fulfill what You've called us to do. Amen

Oct 7—Romans 8:31-39, Psalm 118:1-13

Almighty God, keep us in the safety and comfort of Your loving arms. Amen

Oct 8—Isaiah 54:1-8, Psalm 30

Merciful Lord, teach us to have the same compassion for others that You have for us. Amen

Oct 9—Nahum 1:2-15, Psalm 1

Omnipotent Lord, keep us forever in the safety of Your everlasting arms. Amen

Oct 10—Philippians 2:1-11, Psalm 8

Dear God, send Your Holy Spirit to grant us a servant's heart to help bring Your Gospel to the world. Amen

Oct 11—Isaiah 44:9-20, Psalm 115:1-8

Almighty and everlasting God, we praise and worship Your mighty name. Amen

Oct 12—Romans 6:15-23, Psalm 146

Lord God, thank You for freeing us to be the people You created us to be. Amen

Oct 13—Genesis 18:22-33, Psalm 44

Almighty God, we pray that the world will know of Your great love, so they, too, may have everlasting life. Amen

Oct 14—Luke 2:22-32, Psalm 119:105-12

Almighty God, thank You for sending Jesus, the light of the world, to save us.

Amen

Oct 15—Matthew 14:22-33, Psalm 66:5-8

Merciful Father, thank You for the lifeline of Your Son, Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen

Oct 16—Isaiah 43:18-21, Psalm 80

Heavenly Father, keep us growing in Your Holy Word. Amen

Oct 17—John 16:25-33, Psalm 22:1-24

Merciful Father, may we carry the peace You've given us all the days of our life. Amen

Oct 18—Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 115:9-18

Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit to keep my heart and mind ready for Christ's return. Amen

Oct 19—Matthew 4:18-25, Psalm 5

Lord God, help me to remember to put You first in my life. Amen

Oct 20—Romans 5:1-11, Psalm 119:113-20

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving Your life so that we may be saved. Amen

Oct 21—Acts 15:1-21, Psalm 9

Almighty God, through Your grace and mercy we are blessed to be members of the Body of Christ. Amen

Oct 22—Luke 16:19-31, Psalm 17

Dear Lord, give me courage to share Your Word with others and invite people to my church so they may hear Your Word faithfully preached and come to faith. Amen

Oct 23—Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 105:1-22

Merciful Father, grant us the ability to be witnesses of Your Gospel message in all aspects of our life. Amen

Oct 24—Romans 13:1-7, Psalm 119:169-76

Heavenly Father, bless those whom You have placed in authority in this world. Amen

Oct 25—Ezekiel 14:12-23, Psalm 18:20-24

Lord Jesus, thank You for paying the price of our salvation. Amen

Oct 26—Jonah 1:1-16, Psalm 107:23-32

Merciful Father, use us to teach the world of salvation through Christ Jesus. Amen

Oct 27—Joel 2:12-17, Psalm 86:1-7

Merciful God, forgive us for the sins we've committed against You and our neighbors. Amen

Oct 28—Micah 4:1-5, Psalm 84:1-4
Almighty Lord, grant us the patience to await Your glorious return. Amen

Oct 29—Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalm 145:14-21
We thank You, dear Lord, for the wonderful and perfect gift of Your Son, Jesus.
Amen

Oct 30—Acts 16:25-34, Psalm 89:46-52
Thank You, Jesus, for purchasing our salvation. Amen

Oct 31—2 Timothy 3:10-17, Psalm 119:97-104
Merciful Father, thank You for Your living Word. Amen



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY, please contact Pastor s Scott & Carol Custead at
Phone: 814-254-3072 Email: scustead@atlanticbb.net or ccustead@atlanticbb.net
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.

The pastors will be out of town on October 28, and Mark Hoover will preside over the service for Reformation Sunday.

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 NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

BULLETIN DEADLINE	OCT 2ND 10:30 AM
CHOIR REHEARSAL	OCT 4TH 7 PM
WELCA'S CIDER AND SWEATERS	OCT 6TH 9:30-11:30AM
SWEETS AND TREATS	OCT 7TH 10 AM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	OCT 9TH 10:30 AM
COUNCIL MEETING	OCT 9TH 6 PM
CHOIR REHEARSAL	OCT 11TH 7 PM
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE	OCT 15TH 12 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	OCT 16TH 10:30 AM
CHOIR REHEARSAL	OCT 18TH 7 PM
OCTOBERFEST	OCT 21ST 12PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	OCT 23RD 10:30 AM
CHOIR REHEARSAL	OCT 25TH 7 PM
REFORMATION SUNDAY	OCT 28TH
BULLETIN DEADLINE	OCT 30TH 10:30 AM
CHOIR REHEARSAL	NOV 1ST 7PM
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	NOV 11TH 12PM



**SWEETS AND TREATS
OCTOBER 7TH
Presented by Peggy Thatcher.
Thank You Peggy!**



October 21st

**Dinner will be served following the Worship Service.
Dinner to include Sauerkraut, Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Kneadles
(German Bread Dumpling) with Gravy, Hot German Potato
Salad, Hot Dogs & Rolls, Rye Bread & Butter.**

We are asking members to bring a side dish or dessert.



The Annual Congregational meeting will be held November 11 after the service. There will be nominations for council members and then the election for council. The budget will be discussed and then anything else that the congregation may bring to our attention.

Church Council Members

Mark Hoover—President
Evelyn Holsinger—Vice President
Dana Detwiler—Secretary
Ralph Grove—Treasurer
Betty Boslet
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—Contracted Services*

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
Phyllis Spinazzola

By-Laws

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
*Carolyn Feather
Edith Trinks

Christian Education/

Social Ministry

***Evelyn Holsinger**
*Carolyn Feather
*Sylvia Malsatzki
*Donna Wilt
*Shirley Manbeck

Finance

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
*Donna Wilt
*Bill Wilt
Ralph Grove

Property

Bob Holsinger
Bill Dambeck
*Evelyn Holsinger
*Shirley Manbeck
*Bill Wilt
Mike Savino

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**
*Dana Detwiler
*Carolyn Feather

* Denotes Council Member