

Kirchenblatt January 2019

(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 January 2019



A New Year's Resolution:

"Be kind to one another as God in Christ has been kind to us." (Ephesians 4:32)

A few years ago I had an unusual experience that has changed my way of treating other people in public in ways that have stuck with me to this day. It happened on the day that we drove down to Pittsburgh to pick up our daughter from college (PITT) to bring her home for Christmas break. Scott and I made our usual stop for restrooms and coffee at a Sheetz in Murrysville, just at the edge of the Pittsburgh area. Scott had gotten me up pretty early and I had slept much of the way, so I probably had a still-dazed, not-quite-awake look on my face. I stood at one of the sinks in the restroom washing my hands, self absorbed in my own thoughts. Another woman, somewhere around my same age, stood at the other sink washing her hands. We didn't speak, but washed our hands quietly. She finished just before me, and reached to dispense a paper towel for herself. She tore it off, but before she wiped her hands, she dispensed another towel. She looked at me and smiled and said, "There, that one's for you." "Oh, that was kind of you. Thank you," I responded. It was such a random act of kindness by a complete stranger that it took me by such surprise, and it really made my day. I think I smiled the whole day long after that!

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR January 2019



KIRCHENBLATT



This random act of kindness is something I have not forgotten these many years! Every time I start getting annoyed with people in check-out lines or while driving or whenever I am out and about in public, I remember that act of kindness, and my attitude changes. I smile and try to do something kind for those around me instead. Our world is so filled with random acts of violence. Often we feel helpless to do anything about it. But what if there were more kind strangers in the world like the woman I encountered that day? What if I tried to be more like her--not so self absorbed but looking out for the needs of others around me? What if I tried to do little random acts of kindness, not only to people I know and love, but to total strangers too? What if it caught on and many people started doing these little random acts of kindness? Do you suppose it could make a difference?

Ephesians 4:32 instructs us to *be kind to one another as God in Christ has been kind to us*. It would make a great New Year's resolution! Perhaps it's opening a door for someone who is loaded down with packages. Perhaps it's letting someone go ahead of you in a checkout line. Perhaps it's dispensing a paper towel for someone. Perhaps if the world were filled with random acts of kindness there would be less random acts of violence. Just perhaps. Happy New Year!

--Pastor Carol Custead

Contribution & Attendance Summary

October 2017

Contributions \$1,929
 Average Weekly Attendance: 26

October 2018

Contributions \$1.412
 Average Weekly Attendance: 23

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

October 1, 2018 - October 31, 2018

INCOME

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Bank Interest | \$0.13 |
| Contributions | |
| General | \$1,412 |
| Designated | \$0.00 |
| Special | \$80.00 |
| Other Income | \$4,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,492.13 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Pastoral Administration | \$1,736.42 |
| Worship & Music | \$496.08 |
| Office | \$1,104.62 |
| Custodial & Property | \$1,506.45 |
| Uncategorized | \$2,164.89 |
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| | \$7,008.46 |

**January Flower Chart
 and Bulletin's**

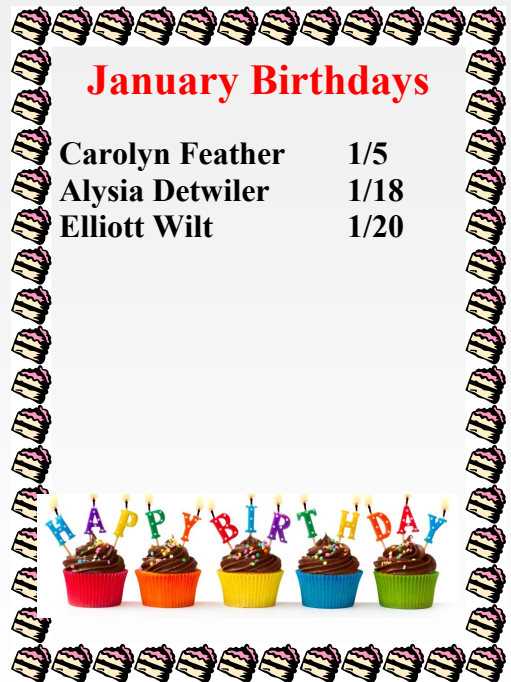
Altar:

6
 13
 20
 27

Bulletins:

6
 13
 20
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***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.

Remember In Your Prayers

Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich
Joe Yanke
Mark Hoover
Peggy Thatcher



(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:

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....

Please keep former Synod staff member **Peggy Thatcher** in your prayers. She asked we share with you that she is recovering from back surgery at HealthSouth in Altoona. Her recovery is going well and she really appreciates your prayers and concern. She hopes to be home by Christmas.

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.

Poinsettia
Memorials and Honorariums 2018



Jean Bickel
IN HONOR OF OUR PARENTS
IN MEMORY OF DAVID BICKEL AND
BONNIE LEE EICHELBERGER

Betty Jean Boslet
IN HONOR OF ANDREA JACOB AND ELIJAH SVIDERGOL
IN MEMORY OF IRVIN J BOSLET,
CHARLES AND ORA HETRICK

Pastors Scott and Carol Custead
IN HONOR OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN

David and Dana Detwiler
IN HONOR VERNA MILLS
IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Donna Jean Foster
IN MEMORY OF
LOUISA J MARSHALL
MR AND MRS CHARLES REDENBERGER
MR AND MRS KENNETH FOSTER SR
KEN FOSTER JR

Poinsettia
Memorials and Honorariums 2018



William Freeman Family
IN MEMORY OF
CLARA AND CHARLES EBERST
MARY BURKET
CARL AND RUTH BURKET

Bob and Karen Hench
IN MEMORY OF
ROBERT AND VIVIAN HENCH
ROBERT AND BLANCHE SCHROEDER

Bob and Evelyn Holsinger
IN HONOR OF
CHILDREN AND SPOUSE
NICK AND BRANDI, KASEY, AND JR, KELLEY
GRANDKIDS BRAEDEN, ZACH, SAMANTHA, JACK AND MAX
IN MEMORY OF PATTY SHARRAR
WALTER AND MARIAN MULLER
BETTY MULLER

Poinsettia
Memorials and Honorariums 2018



Bob and Marian Holsinger
IN HONOR OF OUR FAMILY
IN MEMORY OF MARIAN, WALTER AND MULLER

Mark Hoover
IN MEMORY OF DORIE HOOVER AND
ROBERT F. HOOVER

Marlene Leonard
IN HONOR OF DAVID, BRIAN, TRACY
MATT AND TARA
IN MEMORY OF ROBERT LEONARD
KENNETH AND LOUISE CIVILS
AND LOVED ONES

Sharon Lightner
IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Poinsettia
Memorials and Honorariums 2018



The Family of Lisa and Charlie Moore
IN HONOR OF JANET E KAUFFMAN
IN MEMORY OF CHARLES M KAUFFMAN JR
CHARLES AND MARY JANE MOORE

Ralph Muller
IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
FRIENDS AND RELATIVES LIVING AND DECEASED

Donna and Bill Wilt
IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
AND LOVED ONES
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN
ERIC AND JULIA WILT
DANA AND TODD MAYO
IN HONOR OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN
ERIKKA, ETHAN, ELLIOTT
HALEY, JADA, AND SIENNA

Jan 1—Luke 2:21, Psalm 40:3

Father, thank You for Your never-changing truth. Amen

Jan 2—Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 113:2

Father, thank You for blessing and keeping me as Your child. Amen

Jan 3—Luke 8:26-39, Psalm 146:7b

Abba, I praise You for making me Yours. Amen

Jan 4—Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 68:18

Almighty God, thank You for my gift. It's perfect! Amen

Jan 5—Ephesians 3:1-12, Psalm 139:15-17

God, let Your grace for all brightly shine out in my life Amen

Jan 6—Matthew 2:1-12, Psalm 111:10

Lord, grant me Your wisdom this day as I share Your incredible love. Amen

Jan 7—Luke 15:11-32, Psalm 26:8

Father, as You welcome me, help me to welcome others. Amen

Jan 8—Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 36:7-9

Jesus, let me see others as You see them...precious. Amen

Jan 9—Romans 6:1-11, Psalm 119:105

Holy Spirit, help me to daily walk in the newness of life. Amen

Jan 10—Hebrews 3:1-6, Psalm 8:4-9

Thank You, Jesus, for considering me. Amen

Jan 11—Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 37:4

Jesus, help me see You as the love of my life. Amen

Jan 12—Luke 2:40-52, Psalm 55:1

Jesus, thank You for being right there for me. Amen

Jan 13—Luke 3:15-22, Psalm 2:7

Dear Jesus, I thank You for loving the sin out of me. Amen

Jan 14—Luke 4:1-13, Psalm 145:18-19

Jesus, thank You for delivering me from evil. Amen

Jan 15—Titus 3:4-7, Psalm 51:10

Jesus, thank You for making me righteous. Amen

Jan 16—2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-14, Psalm 32:5

Jesus, forgive me. Amen

Jan 17—Luke 13:22-30, Psalm 100:4

Father, keep me ever focused on the door, Jesus. Amen

Jan 18—Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 30:4-5
Lord, thank You for taking away the sting of death. Amen

Jan 19—Luke 10:38-42, Psalm 56:12-13
Lord, renew a right attitude within me. Amen

Jan 20—Luke 4:16-30, Psalm 94:14
Lord, I praise You for making me Your own. Amen

Jan 21—Luke 7:1-10, Psalm 13:5-6
Jesus, I adore You. Amen

Jan 22—Luke 7:11-17, Psalm 19:14
God, forgive me of my truthful words, and empower me to share Your words of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Jan 23—Luke 14:1-14, Psalm 149:4
Grant me a humble heart, O God. Amen

Jan 24—Luke 15:1-10, Psalm 18:27-28
Thank You, Jesus, for finding me! Amen

Jan 25—1 Kings 19:9b-21, Psalm 103:1-5
Dearest Jesus, thank You for remembering me. Amen

Jan 26—Isaiah 7:10-14, Psalm 65:5-8
Immanuel, thanks for heading me home. Amen

Jan 27—Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27, Psalm 85:7
Jesus, I thank and praise You for writing my name in Your Book of Life. Amen

Jan 28—Luke 18:31-34, Psalm 22:1-24
Father, thank You for not forsaking me. Amen

Jan 29—Luke 23:23-43, Psalm 50:15
Jesus, thank You for absolving me and promising me eternal life. Amen

Jan 30—Matthew 17:24-27, Psalm 106:1
Lord, thank You for the life and freedom that are ours in Christ Jesus. Amen

Jan 31—Luke 24:1-12, Psalm 96:1-2
Jesus, thank You for not having me guess about Your love for me! Amen



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.
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CHURCH IN AMERICA

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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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.

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 FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT
IS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 15.***

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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|---|-----------------------|
| BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE | JAN 1ST 12 PM |
| UNDECORATE THE CHURCH | JAN 5TH 10 AM |
| *PIZZA WILL BE SERVED | |
| SWEETS AND TREATS | JAN 6 10AM |
| *BRING YOUR LEFT-OVER CHRISTMAS COOKIES TO SHARE WITH THE CONGREGATION | |
| BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE | JAN 8TH 12 PM |
| SEQUANOTA BOWLING BENEFIT AT SPLINTER LANES | JAN 6 2-4 PM |
| CHOIR PRACTICE | JAN 10TH 7 PM |
| CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING | JAN 13TH 12 PM |
| BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE | JAN 15TH 12 PM |
| KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE | JAN 15TH 12 PM |
| CHOIR PRACTICE | JAN 17TH 7 PM |
| BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE | JAN 22ND 12 PM |
| CHOIR PRACTICE | JAN 24TH 7 PM |
| CHOIR PRACTICE | JAN 31ST 7 PM |

Blair-Huntingdon Conference

SEQUANOTA

BOWLING BENEFIT

Sunday, January 6th
from 2-4 PM

@ Splinters Lanes
1879 E Pleasant
Valley Blvd.
Altoona

Free-will donation
for two games and
shoe rental

Standard bowling AND "Wacky Bowling"
means all experience levels will have a
great time! All ages are welcome!



SUPPORT CAMP SEQUANOTA'S
VITAL MINISTRY!

Bring extra \$
SEQUANOTA RAFFLE





The Allegheny Synod
40,000 Can
Challenge
Ending on Super Bowl Sunday
Now – January 20

Your donation of non-perishable food items to the 40,000 “Can” Challenge will benefit local food banks and service agencies who serve the people in your community.

To participate, record how many non-perishable items are collected and call the office at 814-942-1042

Results will be publicized through the Allegheny Synod Facebook page, the Lutheran Letter, and e-mails to congregations.



In preparation for the Food Bank distribution at St. Luke's Episcopal, we are gathering food. There are boxes in the narthex in which to place your donations. Here is what is especially needed (of course, other items are welcome).

Instant Mashed Potatoes
Mix

Baked Beans

Jelly

Canned Vegetables

Dry (powdered) milk

Bisquick

Peanut Butter

Condiments

Ramen Noodles (beef or chicken)

Cake

Tuna

Fruit Juice



SWEETS AND TREATS

January 6, 2019

Bring your left-over
Christmas Cookies to share!

Church Council Members

Mark Hoover—President
Donna Wilt—Vice President
Evelyn Holsinger—Secretary
Ralph Grove—Treasurer
Betty Boslet
Carolyn Feather
Donna Foster
Sylvia Malsatzki
Bill Wilt
Sharon Lightner
Kim Vanv
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*

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
*Sharon Lightner

Christian Education/

Social Ministry

***Evelyn Holsinger**

*Carolyn Feather
*Sylvia Malsatzki
*Donna Wilt

Worship & Music

*Dana Detwiler
*Donna Foster
*Mark Hoover
*Sylvia Malsatzki
Pat McConnell
Phyllis Spinazzola
*Sharon Lightner

Finance

***Mark Hoover**

*Betty Boslet
*Donna Wilt
*Bill Wilt
Ralph Grove

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**

*Dana Detwiler
*Carolyn Feather

By-Laws

***Mark Hoover**

*Betty Boslet
*Carolyn Feather
Edith Trinks

Property

Bob Holsinger

Bill Dambeck
*Evelyn Holsinger
*Bill Wilt
Mike Savino

* Denotes Council Member