

Kirchenblatt April 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
April 2019**

I imagine everyone is ready for spring. I love winter, but even I am eager for the seasonal change. This has been a hard winter. It has been cold, but more than that it has been so icy. It seems like I started sliding around on the sidewalks of Hollidaysburg at Christmas, and did not stop until the middle of March. I look forward to walking my son's dog in the afternoon in a light sweatshirt while she sniffs the flowers.

The seasons don't seem to respond to my pleas. I want snow, for only as long as I want snow. I want the snow to be light and fluffy, not hard and icy. I want the spring rains to come lightly, and only at night. I want those rains to come at just the right level to water the grass seed I planted. Further, I will no doubt in a few months be complaining about how the heat is being oppressive. As I think about it, life in total does not always seem to respond to my pleas. If it did, my back would feel a great deal better and my haircuts would take much longer.

Life has some nice days, some pretty snowy days, and a good number of icy and miserable days. We all know that. If we have reached an age where we can read a newsletter article, we have had some upsets and disappointments. We have had some days where as people of faith and prayer are left looking up into heaven and muttering, "How long, O Lord? How long?"

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR April 2019



The answer to that question is until the full blossoming of the resurrection. Until that day when God's power is made fully known, we will have ice, heat, sorrow, and pain mixed into the joy, satisfactions, and pleasures of life. And, sometimes, the bad will seem to outweigh the good.

Until that final day, we have spring each year. We have the crocuses in the yard. We have Easter services and the retelling of the story of Jesus triumph over death. None of these things make life into our vision of heaven on earth, but they do remind us that this life is finally culminated not in death. It comes to the final moment of recreation, resurrection, and salvation. God is a powerful God of life and Easter and spring remind us that no matter how icy and challenging the day, God's power of life will have the final say. Happy Easter!

Pastor Scott Custead

Contribution & Attendance Summary

January 2018

Contributions \$1,266.90
 Average Weekly Attendance: 23

January 2019

Contributions \$1,845
 Average Weekly Attendance: 22

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

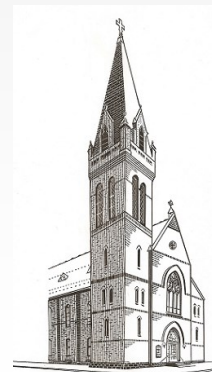
January 1, 2019 - January 31, 2019

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.05
Contributions	
General	\$1830.50
Designated	\$14.50
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
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EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2,130.62
Worship & Music	\$874.36
Office	\$1,816.80
Custodial & Property	\$7,771.91
Uncategorized	\$815.95
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	\$13,409.64



Remember In Your Prayers

Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich
Joe Yanke
Mark Hoover



(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 the congregation of ***Harmony Grove Lutheran in Willet, PA*** (North west PA Synod) in prayer. The church building was destroyed by fire earlier and the legal authorities have determined it was arson. Thankfully no one was harmed. The congregation will be gathering in an alternate location until a new church facility can be built.

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

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

SEQUANOTA ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER



Friday, April 26, 5:00 pm

Main Camp Dining Hall

Suggested donation, \$55.00

Call the camp office (814-629-6627) to sign up.



WELCA Sunday

May 19, 2019

The ladies will be in charge of the service. Potluck will also be served after the service.



POTLUCK DINNER

**Our next Potluck Dinner will be
April 14th (Palm Sunday)**

**Come and enjoy a great meal with
great people!**

ALLEGHENY SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Thirty-First Annual Convention

Zion Lutheran Church, 500 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

8:30 am—3:00 pm

Theme is "Open the Door of Hope"

Guest speaker is Becky Shurson, CA/VP of WELCA from Eugene, OR.

Registration fee \$25.00

Registrations are due March 19, 2019

This includes lunch and workshops and hands on activity.
If you would like to attend this convention but it is not in your budget, please let us know so we can help you out.

**WELCA NEWS**

We are going to decorate the bulletins boards in the Fellowship Hall. We plan on decorating them for the seasons. Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. If you have any ideas or if you want to help, please let us know.

Apr 1—Romans 5:1-5, Psalm 23

Lord Jesus, You have suffered for us so that our suffering takes on new meaning. In our suffering, we turn to You and look forward in hope. Please help me to see this more clearly. Amen

Apr 2—2 Timothy 3:1-7, Psalm 27

Lord, I believe; help my unbelief and strengthen my faith and trust in You. Help me to live in this world faithful to Your love and care for me. Amen

Apr 3—Matthew 16:24-28, Psalm 62

Jesus, help me to take up my cross that You give me to bear and see it as an opportunity to share my faith and trust in You with others. Amen

Apr 4—Romans 6:1-4, Psalm 34

Jesus, teach me to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. Amen

Apr 5—1 Peter 1:13-16, Psalm 24

Jesus, You made me holy through Baptism and faith in You as my Savior and Lord. Help me to live the holy life You have given me as a witness to You in all that I do. Amen

Apr 6—2 Timothy 2:1-13, Psalm 65

Lord Jesus, help us to learn to care for and about one another. Amen

Apr 7—Luke 20:9-20, Psalm 126

Jesus, save us from rejecting You. Amen

Apr 8—Hebrews 2:1-4, Psalm 14

Jesus, help me in my troubles to find Your healing hand that gives me hope. Amen

Apr 9—Romans 8:12-17, Psalm 63

Jesus, walk with us always!. Amen

Apr 10—Mark 4:1-9, Psalm 26

Lord, open our ears to hear Your good news of new life in Christ for this life and the next. Amen

Apr 11—John 17:1-11, Psalm 40:11-17

Lord Jesus, keep us in the faith. Amen

Apr 12—Mark 10:46-52, Psalm 92

Jesus, may we love and follow You in all conditions of life. Amen

Apr 13—Mark 10:42-45, Psalm 70

Jesus, forgive me for my sins against You and those I Love! Enable me to be servant-hearted toward those around me. Amen

Apr 14—Philippians 2:5-11, Psalm 32:8-11

Risen Lord Jesus, help us to see our needs for Your forgiveness, and save us from ourselves that we might live and rejoice in You forever!. Amen

Apr 15—Ephesians 4:17-24, Psalm 31

Lord, hear my prayer!~ Don't leave me; help me! I can't handle things, but You can; therefore, I put my trust in You. Strengthen my faith and help me, Jesus!. Amen

Apr 16—John 16:4-11, Psalm 134

Risen Lord Jesus, help us this Holy Week to put our trust in You always. Amen

Apr 17—John 12:27-36, Psalm 51

Jesus, forgive and renew us to live for You and not against You. Amen

Apr 18—John 13:1-7, Psalm 116:1-5

Heavenly Father, through Jesus' victory, You have made us precious saints in Your eyes. Help us live as such. Amen

Apr 19—John 19:17-30, Psalm 22

Crucified and risen Jesus, prepare us to receive the gift of new life by faith in You, and teach us to live the joy of a new beginning daily through trust in Your victory for us! Amen

Apr 20—Matthew 27:54-66, Psalm 16

Risen and victorious Lord, walk with us in this life and take us with You into the next. Speak to us through our Easters always. Live in us and help us to share our joy with others. Amen

Apr 21—John 20:1-18, Psalm 118:15-29

Risen and victorious Jesus, be our Savior forever! We shall live with You now as we live by faith and after by our resurrection in glory with You! Amen

Apr 22—Romans 10:9-13, Psalm 117

Jesus, risen Lord, let us live with You forever! Amen

Apr 23—Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 20

Lord Jesus, help me to be honest with myself and to understand my need for Your forgiveness and grace to change. Amen

Apr 24—John 13:31-35, Psalm 67

Heavenly Father, as You have loved us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, help us to also learn to love in deeper ways. Amen

Apr 25—Titus 2, Psalm 139:13-24

Lord Jesus, help us to see and do the right things with our busy days. Forgive us when we follow instinct rather than Your will for us. Amen

Apr 26—2 Corinthians 13:11-14, Psalm 4

Almighty and wondrous God in Christ, show us how to live the message of peace and eternal safety even in this world through our faith in You; lift us up in all trials to speak the truth in love to others. Amen

Apr 27—Revelation 22:1-5, Psalm 55

Heavenly Father, as You have loved me and sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be there for me, help me to find my peace and joy in my relationship with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Apr 28—John 20:19-31, Psalm 148

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins in our place. Help us to share this wonderful message with our friends and neighbors. Amen

Apr 29 Philippians 3:17-21, Psalm 150

Jesus forgive, renew, and walk with me to strengthen me in faith so that I might live as You have called me to live—in Your forgiveness and strength of faith. Amen

Apr 30—Revelation 7:9-12, Psalm 100

Loving and giving God in Christ, return us to Yourself when we drift away! Amen



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.

During Pastors Carol and Scott's absence (March 23 - April 9) emergency pastoral coverage is being provided by Pastor Barry Folmar. Pastor Folmar can be reached through the office of First Lutheran Church (942-3816). He can also be contacted 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 MAY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
MONDAY, APRIL 15.***

Announcements and Upcoming Events

LENTEN LUNCH SERIES @ ST JAMES	MAR 20TH 12 PM
CHOIR PRACTICE	MAR 21ST 7 PM
EASTER FLOWER ORDER DEADLINE	MAR 24TH 11PM
BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE	MAR 26TH 12 PM
LENTEN LUNCH SERIES @ BETHANY	MAR 27TH 12 PM
CHOIR PRACTICE	MAR 28TH 7 PM
BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE	APR 2ND 12 PM
LENTEN LUNCH SERIES @ BETHANY	APR 3RD 12 PM
ALLEGHENY WOMENS SYNODICAL ORG	
ANNUAL CONVENTION	APR 6TH 8:30 AM-3 PM
SWEETS AND TREATS	APR 7TH 10 AM
BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE	APR 9TH 12 PM
COUNCIL MEETING	APR 9TH 6 PM
LENTEN LUNCH SERIES @ ST JAMES	APR 10TH 12 PM
WELCA MEETING	APR 13TH 10 AM
POTLUCK DINNER (PALM SUNDAY)	APR 14TH 12 PM
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE	APR 15TH 12 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	APR 18TH 7 PM
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	APR 19TH 2 PM
EASTER SUNDAY	APR 21ST
SEQUANOTA ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER	APR 26TH 5 PM
ALLEGHENY CHORALE	APR 28TH 3 PM



NO Choir Practice in April!



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	Bisquick	Cake
Mix		
Baked Beans	Peanut Butter	Tuna
Jelly	Condiments	Fruit Juice
Canned Vegetables		
Dry (powdered) milk	Ramen Noodles (beef or chicken)	



SWEETS AND TREATS

10 AM

Sponsored by Shirley Manbeck

* We are always looking for volunteers to sponsor Sweets and Treats. If you're interested there is a sign up sheet in the Sunday School Room. Your support is appreciated!

Church Council Members

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

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

Worship & Music

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

By-Laws

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

Christian Education/
Social Ministry

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

Finance

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

Property

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

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**
*Dana Detwiler
*Carolyn Feather
*Kim Vandevander

* Denotes Council Member