

Kirchenblatt July 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 July 2019



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Our oldest grandson just had his 11th birthday, and Facebook has been sharing memories of my past birthday posts of our celebrations with him. On his 6th birthday he was given a “hand-me-down” I-Phone from someone in his mother’s family. It was not set up to make phone calls but he was enjoying the games he could play on it. Then his Daddy downloaded an app onto it so that he could text whenever he had a Wi-Fi connection! It didn’t take him long to learn to do that! We then started getting delightful texts from him several times in a day, which was great since we were still living in Johnstown (Richland). Keep in mind that he had just finished Kindergarten so his spelling was phonetic. He sounded out his words and spelled them the way he thought they sounded. Here are a few of his earliest texts:

“Ore you glad ican taxst you now?” “Imissyou.” “Good morning! I’m wochig oscr.” (Oscar’s Oasis is a delightful cartoon series about a desert lizard that we enjoyed watching with him on Netflix). “J J J” “Good nit. I’m gowig too bed. Love you!” “Good morning! Ol see you ladr.” “What ore you dowing?” (We were on our way to pick him up for an afternoon at Canoe Creek State Park.) “I’m icsidit!” (That last one was “I’m excited!” in case you didn’t catch that.)

I realize that there are positives and negatives to all the new communication technologies out there, but this was surely a positive! The ability to have these little texting conversations with our grandson on a daily basis was really great! Our relationship with him surely grew stronger because of the texting ability! We were in touch with his day-to-day activities more. And he was in touch with ours as well!

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It occurs to me that this is what prayer is about! It is about strengthening our daily relationship with God! It is as though God had installed a texting app on his I-Phone! And he is always available and ready to respond to our texts! Imagine those conversations! “Good morning God! I’m off to work.” “Are you there God? I need a little help with this.” “Lord, have mercy.” “Forgive me, Jesus!” “Thanks for the food!” “Good night God! Let me rest in your love and have peace. Love you!”

God is always ready to answer our prayer requests too. It may be a “yes”. It may be a “No, not now.” It could be a “Wait. Be patient.” Or a “Not that but this because this is even better than what you asked for.” In any case, these conversations build our trust and confidence in the goodness and love of God for us.

After all, prayer is about awakening, growing, and sustaining a relationship with God. Even if it seems like there is no response we can be confident that God is there and God is listening. He is ready, willing, *and wanting* to be in a close, deep, and loving relationship with us. His compassion, love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace are what makes life truly worth living. And I think that is very “icsiding” J J J

-Pastor Carol Custead

Contribution & Attendance Summary

April 2018

Contributions \$2,515
 Average Weekly Attendance: 27

April 2019

Contributions \$3,495.85
 Average Weekly Attendance: 27

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

April 1, 2019 - April 30, 2019

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.02
Contributions	
General	\$3,290.85
Designated	\$40.00
Special	\$165.00
Other Income	\$8,365.14
	\$11,861.01

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2,570.26
Worship & Music	\$511.86
Office	\$1,411.40
Custodial & Property	\$4,635.77
Uncategorized	\$856.90
	\$9,986.19

July Birthdays



Dana Detwiler	7/29
Evelyn Holsinger	7/15
Robert Holsinger	7/29
Donna Kauffman	7/12
Shirley Manbeck	7/20
Lori Sanio	7/2
Jacob Svidergol	7/20





Remember In Your Prayers

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:

Patti Green

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

Hillview:

Marlene Leonard

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck

Glenn Dell

Marlene Leonard

John Wiederkehr

From the Office of the Bishop....

Please hold *Pastors George and Ardelle Mason and family* in prayer. Pastor George's mother, Rita Mason, passed away in Carlisle.

Please keep *Pastor Christine Roe's mother, Joyce Luttenberger*, in your prayers. She is in the hospital due to challenges with breathing, heart rate, and bronchitis.



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

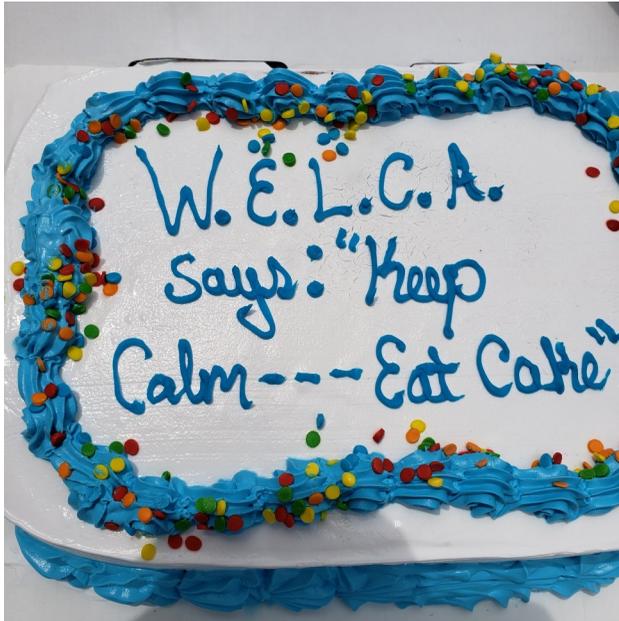
◆If anyone knows of someone needing prayers, contact the church office.



WELCA 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.

WELCA'S Summer Event of collecting swimsuits and beach towels was a huge success! Many children will be blessed with these items. Bill and Donna Wilt delivered them to United Way and they were very appreciative. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped us with this event. We look forward to having another event at Christmas time.



The Saturday June 8th event was a delightful day for 15 WELCA ladies and quest to have lunch We heard the history from the owner of the Knickerbocker ... relaxed, eat and enjoyed excellent conversation.

Pastor Scott and Pastor Carol attended this get together as well. Pastor Scott gave an inspiring luncheon devotion.

Andrea Paul our local Thrivent Financial Associate was also in attendance.

This wonderful WELCA project was made available by Margaret Thatcher writing and requesting a THRIVENT grant.

A Thrivent T-shirt and small notebook were given to all who attended.

The food was prepared just right and was very plentiful. The dessert was a delicious frozen ice cream cake.

THANK YOU TO THRIVENT

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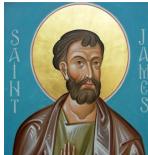


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7 10:45am Worship Service Communion	8	9 Bulletin Article Deadline 10:30AM 	10
14 10:45am Worship Service	15 Kirchenblatt Newsletter Article Deadline 12PM 	16 Bulletin Article Deadline 10:30AM 	17
21  10:45am Worship Service Communion St James Sunday	22	23 Bulletin Article Deadline 10:30AM 	24
28 10:45am Worship Service	29	30 Bulletin Article Deadline 10:30AM 	31

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July 2019

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4 	5	6
	11	12	13
	18	16	20
	25	26	27

Jul 1—Joshua 1:1-9, Psalm 119:9-16
Dear Jesus, lead me home to You. Amen

Jul 2—Joshua 1:10-18, Psalm 37:1-11
Lord Jesus, thank You for giving us rest and an everlasting possession in Your kingdom. Amen

Jul 3—Joshua 2:1-14, Psalm 135:1-14
Lord Jesus, keep us in Your Word and faith. Amen

Jul 4—Romans 13:1-7, Psalm 72
Heavenly Father, preserve our nation and our leaders, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Jul 5—Joshua 2:15-24, Psalm 26
Mark us with Your blood, Lord Jesus. Amen

Jul 6—Joshua 3:1-6, Psalm 46
“Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!” (LSB 618). Amen

Jul 7—Luke 10:1-20, Psalm 66:1-7
Holy Spirit, grant us ears to hear Jesus in the preaching of our pastors. Amen

Jul 8—Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 66:5-7
“Savior, like a shepherd lead us” (LSB 711:1). Amen

Jul 9—Joshua 4:1-10, Psalm 118:19-24
Teach us and our children, O Lord, Your saving truth. Amen

Jul 10—Joshua 5:1-9, Psalm 69:19-21, 34-36
“Child's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!” (LSB 594:1). Amen

Jul 11—Joshua 5:10-15, Psalm 29
Lord Jesus, come to us to feed us and forgive us. Amen

Jul 12—Joshua 6:1-21, Psalm 47
The victory is Yours, O Lord. Amen

Jul 13—Joshua 7:1-9, Psalm 37:1-16, 22-27
Forgive my sins, Lord Jesus. Amen

Jul 14—Luke 10:25-37, Psalm 41
Jesus, grant me to be a Good Samaritan in Your image. Amen

July 15—Joshua 7:10-26, Psalm 6
Father, justify me for Jesus' sake. Amen

Jul 16—Joshua 8:18-23, Psalm 9:1-10
Thank You, Lord, for delivering me from my enemies and making me a citizen of Your kingdom. Amen

Jul 17—Joshua 8:30-35, Psalm 119:33-40
Lord, speak to me Your Word. Amen

Jul 18—Joshua 9:3-15, 22-27, Psalm 4
Father, sanctify us in the truth; “Your word is truth” (John 17:17). Amen

Jul 19—Joshua 10:6-15, Psalm 8
Gracious Father, hear our prayers and answer for Jesus’ sake. Amen

Jul 20—Joshua 14:6-15, Psalm 119:49-56
Lord Jesus, give me faith like Caleb’s, always to trust in You and Your promises.
Amen

Jul 21—Luke 10:38-42, Psalm 27:7-14
Lord Jesus, grant me the good portion of Your Word and forgiveness. Amen

Jul 22—John 20:1-2, 10-18, Psalm 73:1, 23-28
Call me by name, O Lord, and strengthen my faith in You. Amen

Jul 23—Joshua 20:1-6, Psalm 7
Jesus, grant me refuge and life in You. Amen

Jul 24—Joshua 22:1-9, Psalm 94:12-15
“Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won” (LSB 718:1). Amen

Jul 25—Acts 11:27-12:5, Psalm 3
Father, help those who suffer for Jesus’ name. Grant us faithfulness. Amen

Jul 26—Joshua 22:10-16, 21-27, 30-31, Psalm 133
Unite us in Your Word, Lord Jesus. Amen

Jul 27—Joshua 23, Psalm 119:89-96
Lord Jesus, help us through the changes and chances of this life, and bring us to
Yourself in heaven. Amen

Jul 28—Luke 11:1-13, Psalm 138
Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray. Amen

Jul 29—Joshua 24:1-13, Psalm 12
“By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless” (LSB 566:1). Amen

Jul 30—Joshua 24:14-28, Psalm 100
Preserve me in the true faith, Lord Jesus. Amen

Jul 31—Joshua 24:29-33, Psalm 31:1-5
Jesus, You are my life and my salvation. Alleluia. Amen

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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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 AUGUST ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
MONDAY, JULY 15.***

Announcements and Upcoming Events

BULLETIN DEADLINE	JUN 25TH 12 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	JUL 9TH 12 PM
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICE DEADINE	JUL 15TH 12 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	JUL 16TH 12 PM
ST JAMES SUNDAT	JUL 23RD
BULLETIN DEADLINE	JUL 23RD 12 PM
LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CURVE	JUL 28TH 4 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	JUL 30TH 12 PM

NO COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JUNE AND JULY
 NO SWEETS AND TREATS IN JULY AND AUGUST
 NO POTLUCK IN JULY AND AUGUST



We would like to thank everyone for the nice fellowship, cake, and gift for our 40th wedding anniversary. It was especially meaningful to have a reaffirmation of our vows included in the worship service. This all helped make our day very special. It was appreciated deeply.

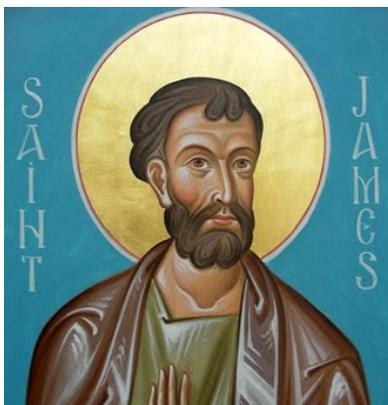
Pastor Carol and Pastor Scott



SWEETS AND TREATS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OUR NEXT SWEETS AND
TREATS WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 1

* 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!



Saint James, also called **James**, son of Zebedee, or **James** the Greater, (born, Galilee, Palestine—died 44 ce, Jerusalem; feast day July 25), one of the Twelve Apostles, distinguished as being in Jesus' innermost circle and the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament (Acts 12:2).

LUTHERAN DAY

at the



and the

GREAT ALLEGHENY TAILGATE

Date: Sunday, July 28, 2019

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Allegheny Synod Office
701 Quail Ave. Altoona

Hot dogs and drinks provided.

Bring a side or dessert to share.

Game begins at 6:00 pm at Peoples Natural Gas Field.

ORDERS DUE BY JULY 8TH

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