

Kirchenblatt August 2019

(Parish Newsletter)

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church
1407 Eighth Avenue
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Join us for Worship Sundays at 10:45 am

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

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR August 2019



KIRCHENBLATT



Something is wrong with my foot. I don't know what, but it hurts. I went to the urgent care clinic, and they took an x-ray. They couldn't find anything and referred me to University Orthopedics, and am waiting to see the doctor there. I don't know what they will find, and I don't know what they will suggest I do.

I started this process at 10:15 by walking in to the clinic. I got registered, saw the physician, had an x-ray taken, saw the physician again, and got my referral sent over. I walked out the door by 11:15. The whole time everyone kept apologizing for taking so long.

I then grabbed a quick sandwich and headed over to University Orthopedics. Of course, I had no appointment. I walked in at about 11:40. I waited a minute or two behind a couple of people in the registration line. When I got up to the desk, the person took my name, the referral form, and x-rays. She then went into the back room.

She reappeared in about 3 minutes and told me that they only had one foot specialist in today. This physician, she explained, was at the hospital at the moment and could see me, but not until 2:00. I smiled and said that was great.

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KIRCHENBLATT



I was taken back the receptionist response. She let out a breath, and said that she was glad I was okay with that. I responded that I really did not expect that an orthopedic surgeon was going to be sitting there waiting for me to show up unannounced today. She said that many people really get mad and the last couple of weeks people have been really short tempered.

I am now at home writing this article as I await the time for me to head back over to University Orthopedics. I thought I could use the time to write an article for the newsletter. This is that article, and it simply raises a question. Have we gotten so impatient and demanding that anyone would find my experience so far today as anything other than amazingly responsive.

Remember I have had no appointments. I have been left waiting no more than five or ten minutes anywhere. Maybe the whole thing will derail, and I will be ranting and raving as I head to bed tonight. However, have we as a people reached a point where receptionists are afraid of the people who come to their desk even when everything is going well.

Tattoos are a big deal lately. Maybe we all need to get the golden rule tattooed on the inside of our eye lids. Maybe we all need to be reminded to treat each other with grace. Especially we would do well to treat those receptionists, clerks, secretaries, bank tellers, waitresses, nurses... you know, all those who deal daily with the "public"... with some basic kindness. Apparently they are having a hard time of it.

Pastor Scott

Contribution & Attendance Summary

May 2018

Contributions \$1,821
 Average Weekly Attendance: 24

May 2019

Contributions \$2,673.75
 Average Weekly Attendance: 24

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

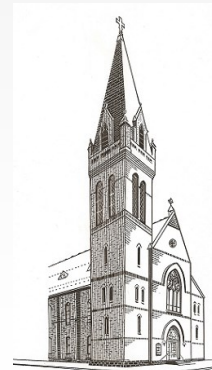
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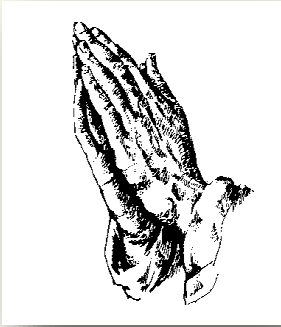
INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$2,673.75
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
	\$6,673.75

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2,016.58
Worship & Music	\$802.86
Office	\$1,823.99
Custodial & Property	\$1,823.13
Uncategorized	\$1,892.46
	\$8,359.02





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

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck Glenn Dell

John Wiederkehr

From the Office of the Bishop....

Please hold **Rev. Maren Alexis-Tomkiel, Pastor Paul Tomkiel's stepmother**, in prayer as she is hospitalized in Carlisle. We also ask for prayer for **Pastor Tomkiel's father, Joseph**, as he cares for Pastor Maren during this time.

Please hold **Rev. Brandon Cian's father, Craig Cian**, in prayer as he will undergo a surgical procedure.



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.



Bill and I want to thank St. James for sending us to the Allegheny Synod Assembly 2019 on June 14th and 15th.

This was our second year to attend and we enjoyed it very much.

It was the 32nd Annual Assembly. The opening of the Assembly was filled with Meditations, Psalmody, Prayers and Blessings. Also, Remembrances of those who have died. The Bishop's Report. We had a choice of two difference workshops led by Partner Ministries. Friday night we had Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Ordination. Saturday's Morning Worship was Camp Sequanota Staff. We had the introduction of pastors and vicars new to the Synod.

Meals were included and snacks. We also want to thank Pastor Scott for saving our seats and Pastor Carol for her guidance.

God Bless,
Donna and Bill Wilt

A THANK YOU FROM THE LEONARDS AND WILTS

We want to thank Pastors Scott and Carol for all your visits and prayers while our Mother, Grandmother, and Sister was at home, in the hospital and at Hillview. We appreciate all that you did to make her day a little brighter. Also, to the congregation for their thoughts, blessings, and cards. We want you to know how much your sympathy and thoughtfulness have meant to us and how grateful we are for all you did for Marlene Leonard.

With Heartfelt Thanks,
David, Brian, Tracy, Tara and Matthew Leonard
Donna and Bill Wilt and Family.



Special thanks to all who made the congregational picnic a great success. Thanks to the men for cooking hot dogs and burgers.

Clap your hands for all the hearts that prepared the wonderful, delicious covered dishes.

We sure could not have a wonderful outdoor Sunday morning worship without Pastors Scott and Carol's special pastor touches.

Thanks goes to Pat (organist) and the music she shared and also for the colorful t-shirts.

Special thanks to our Lord for a bright sunny Sunday at the park.

Margaret (Peggy) Thatcher

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, November 17, 2019 the Allegheny Synod will be holding a worship service to kick off our year of celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Women's ordination in the Lutheran Church in America. The service will be at 4pm and hosted at Evangelical Lutheran in Duncansville. All are welcome and clergy will be invited to vest and process.

I wanted to share with you that we are honored to have **Pastor Elizabeth Platz** joining us to preside at the service. Pastor Platz was the first woman ordained a Lutheran Pastor in the United States. She was ordained by the Delaware/Maryland Synod and spent much of her career as campus minister at the University of Maryland. There will be a reception after the service and Pastor Platz has been gracious enough to join us for a question and answer time about her ministry.

Additionally, we will welcome **Bishop Barbara Collins** of the Upper Susquehanna Synod as our guest preacher for the service. We are thankful that Bishop Collins can join us for this day of celebration.

I hope you will mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this special service as we begin our year of celebration. As we proceed through the year, our 50th Anniversary Committee will be sharing information on events and services we will be hosting throughout the year. I also ask you to please help us by sharing this announcement with your congregations.

Thank you and God bless you,

Bishop Michael

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

THE ALTOONA GRAND HOTEL

9am to 4pm

"RENEW, RELAX, REFRESH"

Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization are inviting you to spend a Saturday to unwind from stresses of life.

THERE WILL BE PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL AND CREATIVE HANDS ON EXPERIENCES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

More specific information and a registration form will be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



Aug 1—Isaiah 52:1-12, Psalm 103

Thank You, our Father in heaven, for loving us so much that we can celebrate the good news of our salvation every day. Amen

Aug 2—2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Psalm 32

Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much that You do not give us what we deserve but You share eternal life with us. Amen

Aug 3—John 1:1-5, Psalm 77

Thank You, Jesus, for Your everlasting love and new life spoken for us each day. Amen

Aug 4—John 1:9-18, Psalm 139

Thank You, our Father in heaven, for creating us and loving us so much that You redeemed us. We praise Your Holy name! Amen

Aug 5—Leviticus 18:1-5, Psalm 9:9-10

Thank You, Father, for showering Your mercy and grace upon me. Thank You for new life in Christ! Amen

Aug 6—Matthew 9:18-26, Psalm 71

Dear God, continue to strengthen my faith so I may share Your salvation with others. Amen

Aug 7—Revelation 21, Psalm 18:28

Dear Jesus, forgive me when I hide my light or get caught in the darkness of sin. You are my light and my hope. Amen

Aug 8—Deuteronomy 8, Psalm 127

Dear Father, help me to be mindful of the physical needs of others as You feed us all with Your Word. Amen

Aug 9—John 7:37-39, Psalm 1

Dearest Jesus, thank You for washing me in Baptism with Your life-giving salvation and filling my thirst for living water to all eternity. Amen

Aug 10—Jeremiah 31:10-14, Psalm 49

We praise You, Jesus, for Your love for us. Help us to share that love with others. Amen

Aug 11—Micah 4, Psalm 119:129-136

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us to the point of death and sacrificing Jesus so You could bring us back to You. Help us to share that Good News with others. Amen

Aug 12—Titus 2, Psalm 130

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for sending Jesus to give us eternal life and for sending Your Spirit to equip us for all good works. Amen

Aug 13—James 2:1-13, Psalm 86

Dear Father, equip us to forgive others as You've forgiven us. Amen

Aug 14—Romans 10, Psalm 19

Dearest Jesus, my own works would fail me, but You are perfect. You revive my soul. Amen

Aug 15—Hebrews 7, Psalm 61

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for the gift of grace through Your Son, Jesus. May our High Priest, Jesus, continue to intercede on our behalf so that Your will is done. Amen

Aug 16—Exodus 4:18-23, Psalm 2

We praise You, triune God, that You have called and gathered us to heirs to Your kingdom. Help us to share this adoption joy with those around us. Amen

Aug 17—Acts 20:32-35, Psalm 16

Heavenly Father, I thank and praise You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die for my salvation. Help me to rejoice in my inheritance through Him. Amen

Aug 18—Nahum 1, Psalm 51

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your atoning love and sacrifice. Help us to reach out in love to others so that more people may be reconciled to You. Amen

Aug 19—Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 119:165

Heavenly Father, when I was lost, You found me and made me whole again. Help me to share Your peace with others. Amen

Aug 20—Colossians 1:1-14, Psalm 85

Holy Spirit, please guide me to daily seek comfort and reassurance through the forgiveness that Jesus won for me. Amen

Aug 21—Song of Solomon 2, Psalm 20

Jesus, we thank and praise You for loving us so much that You died to restore us to You in true love and unity. Amen

Aug 22—Leviticus 17, Psalm 79

We praise You, Lord Jesus, for shedding Your blood for us. Help us to share this life-giving news with others. Amen

Aug 23—Romans 6:5-11, Psalm 54

Heavenly Father, when we dwell on our sins or wonder if we can ever do enough to please You on our own, remind us to trust in the loving mercy that is a gift from You through Jesus. Amen

Aug 24—John 15:1-11, Psalm 93

Dear God, cleanse me and I will be made new. Fill me with joy and a passion for sharing Christ with others. Amen

Aug 25—Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 145

Holy God, by Your Spirit, move in the hearts of unbelievers so they may share in eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Aug 26—Revelation 1, Psalm 118:5

Father in heaven, meet the needs of every captive here on earth with comfort so that they may come to know Your Son, Jesus. Amen

Aug 27—2 Samuel 22:44-51, Psalm 18:49-50

Dear Jesus, thank You for giving Your victory to all believers so that we may share in Your joy and live eternally. Amen

Aug 28—John 4:15-26; 39-42, Psalm 67

Holy Trinity, please equip and guide us as we daily live for You. Amen

Aug 29—Mark 6:30-44, Psalm 23

Lord, make me ever mindful to take time to rest with You. Amen

Aug 30—Mark 5:35-40, Psalm 22

Dear Jesus, thank You that we may sleep for a little while but we will not die eternally. Amen

Aug 31—Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 119:105-112

Dearest Lord Jesus, You are holy and worthy of praise forever and forever. Amen



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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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, THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.***

Announcements and Upcoming Events

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CURVE	JUL 28TH 4 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	JUL 30TH 12 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	AUG 6TH 12 PM
CHURCH COUNCIL	AUG 6TH 6 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	AUG 13TH 12 PM
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE	AUG 15TH 12 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	AUG 20TH 12 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	AUG 27TH 12 PM
SWEETS AND TREATS	SEP 1ST 10 AM
WELCA MEETING	SEP 7TH 10 AM *
* NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE	
RENEW, RELAX, REFRESH	SEP 28TH 9-4
ALLEGHENY SYNODICAL ORGINAZTIONAL EVENT	

NO SWEETS AND TREATS IN AUGUST
 NO POTLUCK IN AUGUST





**SWEETS AND TREATS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH.**

**OUR NEXT SWEETS AND
TREATS WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 1
SPONSORED BY
BILL AND JUDY DAMBECK**

* 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!



REMINDER:

**COUNCIL MEETINGS
RESUME IN AUGUST.**

MEETING

AUGUST 6TH 6PM

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.

For more information please call the Synod office at
942-1042



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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

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

Finance

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*Donna Wilt
*Bill Wilt
Ralph Grove

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

Stewardship/Evangelism

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

* Denotes Council Member