

Kirchenblatt January 2020

(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 2020



KIRCHENBLATT



Christmas comes with some odd sense of expectation for me this year. This comes from the fact that shortly after the holiday Pastor Carol and I will be with the synod group going to the Holy Land. I sing “O Little Town of Bethlehem” knowing that three weeks after Christmas I will be in Bethlehem. What do I expect to find there? I expect there to be cars, gift shops, crowds, traditional (not necessarily historical) places marked with churches. I do not expect to find any infants so tender and mild.

Maybe I should alter my expectations. We probably normally encounter what we expect. If I expect to be confronted with tourist traps, I will most likely find exactly that. What if I prepare for this trip by changing my expectations? What if I look at the places not as tourist destinations, but as pilgrimage destinations?

**PASTOR'S LETTER FOR
January 2020**

KIRCHENBLATT



I can't be sure that if I come seeking the Lord that I will find the Lord. However, I can pretty sure that if I come not expecting to find the Lord, I probably won't. Only very few people came to Bethlehem that first Christmas expecting to find the Lord. What if I "prepare the way of the Lord" by changing my expectations?

What if we woke up each day focused on the truth that "this is the day that the Lord has made"? What if we changed our to-do list from things we "have to do" to things "we get to do"? What if we expected to find the Lord present in our life each day? I, of course, doubt that is going to make every day a prayerful day of intimacy with God. However, if we expect God to not be present, we probably won't notice that God has been with us all along. You know...Emmanuel.

Pastor Scott Custead

Contribution & Attendance Summary

October 2019

Contributions \$
Average Weekly Attendance:

October 2019

Contributions \$1,514.00
Average Weekly Attendance: 20

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

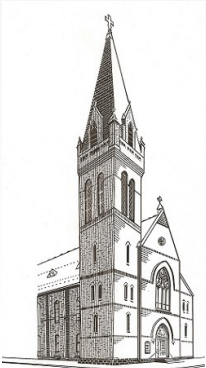
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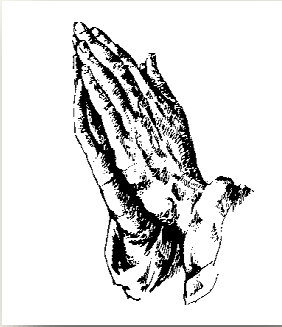
INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.02
Contributions	
General	\$1,514.00
Designated	\$.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
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	\$5,514.02

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2,706.24
Worship & Music	\$739.16
Office	\$1,378.52
Custodial & Property	\$1,478.63
Uncategorized	\$.848.84
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	\$7,151.39





From the Office of the Bishop....

No report.

Remember In Your Prayers

Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich

Joe Yanke

Sylvia Malsatzki

(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

Poinsettia

Memorials and Honorariums



Jean Bickel
IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND DAVID BICKEL AND
DAUGHTER BONNIE LEE EICHELBERGER

Betty Jean Boslet
IN HONOR OF ANDREA JACOB AND ELIJAH SVIDERGOL
IN MEMORY OF IRVIN J BOSLET,
CHARLES AND ORA HETRICK
RUTH SUMMERS, MILDRED BRENNAN
DELORES HOOVER

Pastors Scott and Carol Custead
IN HONOR OF THE FAITHFUL SERVICE TO
OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

David and Dana Detwiler
IN HONOR Verna Mills
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM MILLS AND
MARGARET (PEG) DETWILER

Poinsettia

Memorials and Honorariums



Donna Jean Foster
IN MEMORY OF
LOUISA MARSHALL
JOAN AND CHARLES REDENBERGER
KENNETH AND MARGARET FOSTER
KEN FOSTER JR

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

Poinsettia

Memorials and Honorariums



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

Mark Hoover
IN MEMORY OF DELORES HOOVER

David, Brian, Tracy, Tara and Matt Leonard
IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER
OUR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER
ROBERT LEONARD

Poinsettia
Memorials and Honorariums



Sharon Lightner
IN HONOR OF MY GRANDCHILDREN
KATHRYN, NATHAN AND JACOB

Mike and Lori Savino
IN MEMORY OF
MOTHER DONNA CIVILS
PARENTS TONY AND MILDRED SAVINO

Peggy Thatcher
IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER WILLIAM THATCHER
AND MOTHER VERNA THATCHER

Donna and Bill Wilt
IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
LOVED ONES, SISTERS AND BROTHERS
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN
ERIC AND JULIA WILT AND FAMILY
DANA AND TODD MAYO AND FAMILY

Jan 1—Philippians 2:1-11, Psalm 110

Heavenly Father, thank You for saving us from sins. In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen

Jan 2—Luke 18:35-43, Psalm 111

Heavenly Father, thank You for hearing our specific cry for help and for giving us all we need according to Your will. Amen

Jan 3—John 8:31-47, Psalm 112

Heavenly Father, thank You for paying the price for our sins so that we may be set free. Amen

Jan 4—Romans 8:31-39, Psalm 113

Heavenly Father, we are grateful that Jesus is always interceding on our behalf so that we might not be condemned. Amen

Jan 5—2 Corinthians 5:11-21, Psalm 114

Heavenly Father, help us daily to remember our Baptism, which washed away the old garbage in our life and brought about a new creation. Amen

Jan 6—Matthew 2:1-12, Psalm 115

Heavenly Father, we rejoice with exceeding joy in knowing that You are our King and Savior. Amen

Jan 7—James 4:1-12, Psalm 116

Heavenly Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the glory! Amen

Jan 8—John 14:5-14, Psalm 117

Heavenly Father, help us to ask for the things that bring glory to Your name. Amen

Jan 9—Philippians 4:10-20, Psalm 118

Heavenly Father, thank You for supplying our greatest need by sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. Amen

Jan 10—Mark 11:12-26, Psalm 119:1-8

Heavenly Father, help us each day to remember the words You taught us to pray "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Amen

Jan 11—1 Peter 3:1-7, Psalm 119:9-16

Heavenly Father, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.

Amen

Jan 12—Acts 22:1-16, Psalm 119:17-24

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for washing away our sin through Holy Baptism.

Amen

Jan 13—1 John 5:13-20, Psalm 119:25-32

Heavenly Father, thank You for hearing us when we pray. Help our doubt and unbelief, and teach us to pray according to Your good will. Amen

Jan 14—Romans 6:15-23, Psalm 119:33-40

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for taking the wages we deserved and then freely giving us more than we deserve. Amen

Jan 15—James 1:2-18, Psalm 119:41-48

Heavenly Father, generously give us the wisdom that comes from You so that we may delight in Your truth and walk in Your ways. Amen

Jan 16—Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 119:49-56

Heavenly Father, forgive us for all the times we worried that we didn't have enough and failed to see all that You had provided. Amen

Jan 17—2 Timothy 2:8-13, Psalm 119:57-64

Heavenly Father, we are often faithless. Thankfully, You remain faithful. Restore our faith and trust in You, that we may give glory to You in all things. Amen

Jan 18—Ephesians 6:10-20, Psalm 119:65-72

Heavenly Father, give us courage and strength as we face spiritual battles every day. Amen

Jan 19—Matthew 18:1-6, Psalm 119:73-80

Dear heavenly Father, teach us to become like children, that we may humbly trust in You and Your Word. Amen

Jan 20—2 John 4-11, Psalm 119:81-88

Heavenly Father, thank You for defining love for us. Help us love one another as we walk according to Your commandments. Amen

Jan 21—Hebrews 10:19-25, Psalm 119:89-96

Heavenly Father, though we so often break our promises to You and others, we are thankful that You are always faithful to us Amen

Jan 22—Luke 24:36-49, Psalm 119:97-104

Heavenly Father, how grateful we are that You are always with us and help us to do Your will of pointing others to Christ. Amen

Jan 23—John 16:16-24, Psalm 119:105-112

Heavenly Father, what joy we have in knowing You are the Messiah and You will come again that we may live with You forever in eternity. Amen

Jan 24—Matthew 11:20-30, Psalm 119:113-120

Heavenly Father, we come to You tired, weary, and worn, knowing that in You we will find rest. Amen

Jan 25—Titus 1, Psalm 119:121-128

Heavenly Father, we ask that You would teach us Your way that we may walk in truth. Amen

Jan 26—John 15:1-17, Psalm 119:129-136

Heavenly Father, we give thanks that Jesus Christ laid down His life for us because of love. Help us to love others in the same way. Amen

Jan 27—Matthew 5:17-20, Psalm 119:137-144

Heavenly Father, help us to understand and obey every iota of Your Word. Amen

Jan 28—Hebrews 13:1-18, Psalm 119:145-152

Heavenly Father, in the midst of this ever-changing world, turn our hearts and minds to You that we may trust in Your unchanging Word. Amen

Jan 29—Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalm 119:153-160

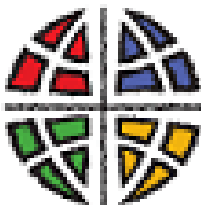
Heavenly Father, because of Your great love, You freely bestow Your mercy and grace on us every day. May we humbly give You thanks and praise for this free gift. Amen

Jan 30—2 Peter 3:1-13, Psalm 119:161-168

Heavenly Father, often we say, "Come, Lord Jesus." Help us instead to pray that You remain patient so that no man may perish. Amen

Jan 31—Revelation 22:1-10, Psalm 119:169-176

Heavenly Father, as we wait for Your return, open our eyes and ears that we may do Your will and follow in the way that leads to everlasting life. Amen



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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.

While our pastors are away pastoral emergencies are being covered January 13 -26 by Pastor Barry Folmar of First Lutheran Church. His contact numbers are: office (942-3816) cell (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 FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

CAMP SEQUANOTA BOWLING BENEFIT

** See flyer on the back page*

BULLETIN DEADLINE

CHOIR PRACTICE

UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH

** Pizza will be served for the workers.*

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KIRCHEMBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE

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JAN 5TH 2-4 PM

JAN 7TH 10:30 AM

JAN 9TH 7 PM

JAN 11TH 10 AM

JAN 14TH 10:30 AM

JAN 15TH 12 PM

JAN 16TH 7 PM

JAN 21ST 10:30 AM

JAN 23RD 7 PM

JAN 28TH 10:30 AM

JAN 30TH 7 PM





SWEETS AND TREATS

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS
WILL BE
March 1st**

**We will NOT be having Sweets and Treats in
January and February**

* 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!



**Council Meetings will NOT be held in Jan-
uary and February the next meeting will
be in March following worship.**

Next meeting:

March 8th



**We will un-decorate on January
11th. Pizza will be provided for
those who come to help.**

Blair-Huntingdon Conference SEQUANOTA BOWLING BENEFIT

Sunday, January 5th
from 2-4 PM

@ Splinters Lanes
1879 E Pleasant
Valley Blvd.
Altoona

Free-will donation
for two hours of bowling
and shoe rental

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



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SEQUANOTA RAFFLE





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SOCKS for Souls event held Dec 14 at the Knickerbocker. Please be sure to thank Andrea Paul for the 2020 Thrivent calendars. Andrea was present along with 15 other members of St James Parish. Excellent way to say Merry Christmas and a big thank you for the Thrivent funds submitted by WELCA President Peggy Thatcher. Lunch, carols, portrayal St Nick and ability to spread holiday cheer was enjoyed by all. Through the generosity of the parish we were able to give to the Family Teen Shelter much needed items.



Next Meeting March 14th 10 AM

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

Christian Education/

Social Ministry

***Evelyn Holsinger**

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

Worship & Music

***Mark Hoover**

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

Finance

***Mark Hoover**

*Betty Boslet
*Donna Wilt
*Bill Wilt
Ralph Grove

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**

*Dana Detwiler
*Carolyn Feather
*Kim Vandevander

By-Laws

***Mark Hoover**

*Betty Boslet
*Carolyn Feather
Edith Trinks

Property

***Bill Wilt**

Bill Dambeck
*Evelyn Holsinger
Bob Holsinger
Mike Savino
Shirley Manbeck

* Denotes Council Member