



Kirchenblatt September 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 September 2020



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“O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.”

That was the Prayer of the Day a couple of weeks ago. How timely it was in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic! This seems to go on and on, and all the mask-wearing and social distancing is certainly getting tiresome. It can be quite worrisome, especially since the number of positive cases in our county keeps growing. Add to these concerns the start up of a new school year!

I was talking with our daughter-in-law who will be teaching 10th grade English at the Hollidaysburg Sr. High School this year. She is quite stressed and anxious about it, and she said that all the teachers she knows are too! We sure hope and pray that our area school districts are doing everything they can to keep educating our community children and youth safely. I encourage you all to keep all of our area's school teachers and students in prayer as the school year begins amidst this pandemic!

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For all of you who have been attending Sunday worship services at St. James, we thank you for continuing to follow all the safety guidelines that our Church Council set in accordance with the Department of Health. We know it isn't easy to wear the mask and keep socially distanced from your friends in our faith-family. We are certainly living in a stressful time.

I want to share a prayer with you that was shared on St. Luke Episcopal Church's Facebook page from the national Episcopal Church's page. It is a good prayer to pray on days that you may be feeling the stress of our time. I have used it in prayer and found it helpful.

“Merciful Jesus, you are my guide, the joy of my heart, the author of my hope, and the object of my love. I come seeking refreshment and peace. Show me your mercy, relieve my fears and anxieties, and grant me a quiet mind and an expectant heart, that by the assurance of your presence I may learn to abide in you, who is my Lord and my God. Amen.”

Keeping you all in prayer,

-Pastor Carol

Contribution & Attendance Summary**June 2019**

Contributions \$2,264.00

Average Weekly Attendance: 22

June 2020

Contributions \$2,243.00

Average Weekly Attendance: 19

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY**June 1, 2020 - June 31, 2020****INCOME**

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$2,193.00
Designated	\$.00
Special	\$50.00
Other Income	\$7,000.00
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	\$9,243.00

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$1,494.04
Worship & Music	\$575.08
Office	\$1,956.91
Custodial & Property	\$1,394.46
Uncategorized	\$2,064.80
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	\$7,485.29

September Birthdays

Robert Boston	9/16
William Dambeck	9/9
Robert Holsinger	9/5
Jada Mayo	9/15
Brad Stehle	9/18
Kim Vandevander	9/21
Lynn Vandevander	9/25
William Wilt	9/15

***Remember In Your Prayers*****Our Prayer List:**

(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.)

Tim Surkovich, Joe Yanke, Jean Bickel

Those serving in our military

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade

Robert Civils

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

Homewood:

Sylvia Malsatzki

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck, John Wiederkehr

Sep 1—Numbers 10:8-10, Psalm 150

O Lord, open our ears that we may hear and follow You. In Jesus' name. Amen

Sep 2—2 Timothy 3:14-17, Psalm 119:105-112

Guide us this day by Your Word and Your Holy Spirit, O Lord. Amen

Sep 3—1 Kings 8:28-30, Psalm 69:9-13

O Lord, hear my prayer. Amen

Sep 4—2 Chronicles 7:11-16, Psalm 39:12-13

Lord, we are reminded of our sin and thankful for Your grace and mercy! Amen

Sep 5—2 Chronicles 6:19-21, Psalm 34:1-14

O Lord, help us this day to listen intently and obey willingly. Amen

Sep 6—Exodus 3:1-6, Psalm 48

O Lord, help us find those spaces set apart for us to commune with You. Amen

Sep 7—Genesis 2:2-3, Psalm 92:1-8

O Lord, remind us of Your free, saving grace today. Amen

Sep 8—1 Kings 8:35-36, Psalm 61:1-5

Lord Jesus, help us this day to pray. Amen

Sep 9—Micah 7:18-20, Psalm 123:1-2

Forgive us, Lord, this day for Jesus' sake. Amen

Sep 10—Joel 2:12-16, Psalm 109:21-26

Lord, help us to draw close to You today. Amen

Sep 11—Deuteronomy 20:1-4, Psalm 33:10-22

Lord, guard and protect those who protect us and our freedoms. Amen

Sep 12—Exodus 24:9-18, Psalm 68:1-10

Oh Lord, be present and hear our prayers today! Amen

Sep 13—Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 116:1-9

Jesus, please help me love You more and more each day!. Amen

Sep 14—Mark 12:30, Psalm 31:21-24

Lord, help me to follow You fully! Amen

Sep 15—Job 12:12-16, Psalm 49:1-15

Lord, help us this day to wisely follow You and receive Your abundant grace.

Amen

Sep 16—Deuteronomy 10:12, Psalm 18:20-28
Lord, lead me by Your Spirit. Amen

Sep 17—Leviticus 23:23-25, Psalm 5:1-8
Lord prepare us to follow You. Amen

Sep 18—Revelation 21:23-27, Psalm 69:22-30
Lord, thank You for sending Jesus. Amen

Sep 19—Isaiah 1:24-27, Psalm 7:8-13
O Lord, cleanse my heart. Forgive me of all my sins. Amen

Sep 20—1 Kings 9:1-7, Psalm 78:1-20
Restore us again, O Lord, as in days of old. Amen

Sep 21—Exodus 22:5-14, Psalm 80:1-7
Thank You, Lord, for Your grace and mercy. Amen

Sep 22—Proverbs 6:27-29, Psalm 146
Lord, let Your gracious hope and joy fill me today. Amen

Sep 23—Exodus 40:12-15, Psalm 110
Lord, thank You for the privilege of serving You! Amen

Sep 24—Exodus 30:7-10, Psalm 56:1-6
Thank You, Lord, for Your lifesaving blood shed for me! Amen

Sep 25—Isaiah 11:1-6, Psalm 103:6-13
Thank You, Lord, for taking away all my sin! Amen

Sep 26—Exodus 26:31-34, Psalm 27:6
O Lord, help me follow You wholeheartedly today. Amen

Sep 27—2 Chronicles 2:1-5, Psalm 27:1-4
Lord, help us keep our eyes on Jesus as we await spending eternity with You.
Amen

Sep 28—Leviticus 23:26-32, Psalm 116:12-19
Lord, help Israel come to know Jesus, their Messiah. Amen

Sep 29—Judges 2:1-4, Psalm 34:7
Lord, lead me! Amen

Sep 30—Genesis 12:1-3, Psalm 119:49-56
Thank You, for extending Your grace to us. Help us live daily in forgiveness of sin
and humbly receive Your amazing grace. In Jesus' name. Amen



**Worship will happen on Sundays at 10:45 AM,
following the guidelines in recognition of the
continuing coronavirus pandemic.
All other activities and events are cancelled
until further notice.**

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***DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT
IS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 15.***

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

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*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