



Kirchenblatt January 2021

(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 2021



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New Year's is traditionally a time to reflect on the year that has passed and gather our hopes for the year to come. There is certainly much to reflect and gather this New Year's.

2020 was an odd year. Not only did we have the pandemic, we also had social turmoil, a messy election season, devastating wildfires, and whatever personal turmoil and change that entered our lives. How did it all affect you? Did you grow or did you wither? Is your faith strengthened or weakened? Did you focus on the blessings or the losses? Or was it all messed up and depended on the day?

I guess the real question is what do we hope for in the coming year? I can draw up a short list rather quickly. Vaccines and end to the pandemic. A chance to visit my daughter and her husband in Northern Michigan. The folks in Washington and the media stop being an embarrassment. A deepening sense of unity and civility in our nation.

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And then, of course, you can then add all the big standards. Peace on earth. Food and safety for all. Justice and liberty across the globe. A clean environment. A vibrant Church. The laughter of healthy and loved children on the streets of every city and village in every corner of the globe.

But maybe the thing I hope for in the New Year is a deepening ability to find the presence and purpose of God in the losses and disappointments in life. Any honest accounting of human life must acknowledge that we don't always get what we want. Suffering and grief are universal. God has promised to be with us even before the vaccines are distributed, even when we sit alone on a holiday, even when we are in physical pain or grief.

This last year has given many of us some experiences that have made us look a little deeper to find God's presence and love. I hope we all find that these expanded faith muscles enhance our relationship with God in whatever years we have left in the life God has laid out before us.

Pastor Scott Custead

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Memorials and Honorariums 2020



Pastors Scott and Carol Custead
IN HONOR OF OUR ST. JAMES
CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS
WHO HAVE PERSEVERED DURING
THE PANDEMIC

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

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

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Memorials and Honorariums 2020



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

Mark Hoover
IN MEMORY OF DELORES HOOVER

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

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Memorials and Honorariums 2020



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

Shirley Manbeck
IN MEMORY OF
DAVID, GRAMMY JEAN, NATHAN & SHEILA

Michael and Lori Savino
IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Donna and Bill Wilt
IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
LOUISE AND KENNETH CIVILS
DOROTHY AND IRA WILT AND
ALL OUR LOVED ONES
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN
AND SPOUSES
ERIC AND JULIA WILT AND ELLIOTT WILT,
ERRIKKA AND ERIC KUHSE
ETHAN AND ASHLEY WILT

Contribution & Attendance Summary

October 2019

Contributions \$ 1,514.00

Average Weekly Attendance: 20

October 2020

Contributions \$ 1,944.38

Average Weekly Attendance: 15

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

October 1, 2020 - October 31, 2020

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,944.38
Designated	\$.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
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	\$5,944.38

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2,117.97
Worship & Music	\$525.08
Office	\$1,303.39
Custodial & Property	\$749.25
Uncategorized	\$967.88
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	\$5,663.57

January Birthdays

Carol Boslet	1/14
Carolyn Feather	1/5
Paul Feather	1/11
Deanna Kenney	1/19
David Leonard	1/21
Ariel Manbeck	1/24
Sienna Mayo	1/7
Alysia Tyler	1/18
Elliott Wilt	1/20



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.)

Carol Weaver, Edith Trinks, Tim Surkovich, Mike Savino

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

Jan 1—Luke 1:1-4, Psalm 119:97-104
Jesus, keep my faith grounded in Your Word. Amen

Jan 2—Luke 1:5-14, Psalm 37:39-40
Thank You, heavenly Father, for declaring me perfect through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus. In His name. Amen

Jan 3—Luke 1:15-20, Psalm 95:1-7
Holy Spirit, keep me strong in the faith through Word and Sacrament. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jan 4—Luke 1:26-38, Psalm 25:1-10
Heavenly Father, lead me day by day by Your gentle hand. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jan 5—Luke 1:39-45, Psalm 51:1-6
Jesus, thank You for Your work as the Second Adam. Amen

Jan 6—Luke 1:57-66, Psalm 51:14-19
Thank You, Holy Spirit, for making me a new creation through Baptism. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jan 7—Luke 1:67-79, Psalm 23
Jesus, calm my fears with the brightness of Your light. Amen

Jan 8—Luke 2:1-6, Psalm 8
Dear Jesus, thank You for becoming our Suffering Servant. Amen

Jan 9—Luke 2:6-7, Psalm 104:1
Jesus, thank You that we are now clothed with Your perfection. Amen

Jan 10—Luke 4:16-19, Psalm 119:105-112
Help me to always see You, dear Jesus, as my Great Physician. Amen

Jan 11—Luke 4:20-24, Psalm 34:1-9
Dear Jesus, thank You for talking away my sin and guilt. In Your name we pray.
Amen

Jan 12—Luke 4:31-37, Psalm 18:16-19
Dear Jesus, help me always remember that I am Your dear possession. Amen

Jan 13—Luke 4:38-44, Psalm 30:1-5
Thank You, Father, for healing our souls and bringing us to eternal life. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jan 14—Luke 5:12-16, Psalm 13

Holy Spirit, bring comfort to us in our sufferings. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jan 15—Luke 5:17-26, Psalm 86:1-7

Father in heaven, thank You for declaring my sins forgiven through the work of Jesus. In His name. Amen

Jan 16—Luke 6:6-11, Psalm 20:1-6

Jesus, thank You that You bring healing to my soul in the Divine Service. In Your name I pray. Amen

Jan 17—Luke 6:17-19, Psalm 17:6-9

Thank You, Jesus, for touching us with Your love through Word and Sacrament. Amen

Jan 18—Luke 6:39-42, Psalm 37:1-7

Holy Spirit, lead us, day by day, to know and believe Your words of forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Jan 19—Luke 7:1-10, Psalm 28:1-2

Father, help us to recognize that all that is good has come to us through Your generous hand. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jan 20—Luke 7:11-17, Psalm 6

Thank You, Jesus, for Your presence, Your comfort, and Your compassion. Amen

Jan 21—Luke 8:22-25, Psalm 4

Encourage us, Holy Spirit, to cast all our anxieties on Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen

Jan 22—Luke 8:40-48, Psalm 121

Thank You, Jesus, that we live and move and have our being in You. Amen

Jan 23—Luke 8:49-56, Psalm 116:1-9

Thank You, Jesus, for sharing with us Your power over death. Amen

Jan 24—Luke 10:25-37, Psalm 18:1-6

Father, help us to see how we serve You day by day in our vocations and callings in life. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jan 25—Luke 11:37-44, Psalm 51:7-1

Wash and cleanse me, dear Jesus, through the power of Your Word. Amen

Jan 26—Luke 18:35-43, Psalm 31:21-24

Dear Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me this day and always. Amen

Jan 27—Luke 22:39-46, Psalm 22:1-15

Thank You, Jesus, for earning our salvation. Amen

Jan 28—Luke 23:39-43, Psalm 25:1-7

Jesus, remember me and bring me to be with You in paradise. Amen

Jan 29—John 19:31-37, Psalm 18:1-3

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Amen

Jan 30—Luke 23:50-56, Psalm 16:1-10

Jesus, though I cannot see You, You comfort me with Your presence. Amen

Jan 31—Luke 24:36-43, Psalm 73:23-28

Father in heaven, I thank You that my glorified body will physically live with You forever. In Jesus' name. Amen

Worship is cancelled until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic.

All other activities and events are also cancelled until further notice.

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Find us on Facebook to get up-to-date information.

***DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, FRIDAY,
JANUARY 15.***

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Worship Services and ALL activities are **CANCELED** until further notice!

**OTHERS WEAR A
FACE COVERING
TO PROTECT YOU.**



**PLEASE
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FACE COVERING
TO PROTECT
OTHERS.**

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

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Ralph Grove

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***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