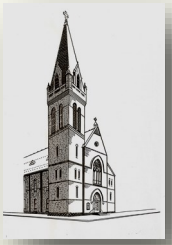

Kirchenblatt February 2021

(Parish Newsletter)

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church
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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 February 2021

Pastor's Message

As of now when I am writing this there are still no Covid-19 vaccinations in our county. The governor asks us to be patient. President Biden asks us to be patient. Health officials ask us to be patient. Pharmacists ask us to be patient. "Patient" seems to be the word for today....and for the weeks ahead, perhaps months ahead!

This prompted me to look up the word "patience" in the online Webster's Dictionary. These definitions seem to apply to our current situation:
-"the ability to remain calm when dealing with an annoying situation."
-"to wait for a long time without becoming annoyed, upset, or anxious."

Well, I imagine this could be difficult for all of us as we await the vaccines; and as we continue to need to wear masks, social distance, and wash or sanitize our hands frequently; and as we wait to return to in-person worship services!
I believe that the closest thing I see to someone with patience is actually our three-year-old grandson, Killian. He's been attending morning pre-school at Penn Mont in Hollidaysburg, and he loves it! But he must wear a mask all morning while he is there. Of course he may just think that this is what everyone does when they go to school.

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His big brother has to wear a mask when he goes to school at the Jr. High. His mother wears a mask when she teaches at the Sr. High. But then his little two-year-old brother Declan, who also attends morning pre-school at Penn Mont, does not have to wear a mask yet. He's too little so far. But Killian often tells us that Declan will have to start wearing a mask pretty soon.

Of course Killian, being three, is not very patient with things that we or his parents need to do with him, but when it comes to putting on his mask to go into the school, he never fights it, much to our surprise. He just accepts it patiently. Well friends, perhaps we will need to follow his example whenever we can worship together again. Perhaps that will happen sometime in February. But we will still need to wear masks, social distance, and wash or sanitize our hands for quite some time to come. And the liturgy will be spoken and the sharing of the peace will have to be done by waving while remaining in our socially-distanced pews. This will probably be true for a while even after we have received our vaccines. So please "be patient"! I think that the best prayer we can all have these days is to pray for patience for ourselves and each other!

-Pastor Carol

Contribution & Attendance Summary

November 2019

Contributions $ 1,770.50
Average Weekly Attendance: 23

November 2020

Contributions $ 1,571.50
Average Weekly Attendance: 15

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

November 1, 2020 - November 30, 2020

INCOME

Bank Interest	$0.03
Contributions	
General	$1,443.00
Designated	.$128.50
Special	$50.00
Other Income	$4,000.00
	$5,671.53

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	$2,553.89
Worship & Music	$525.08
Office	$1,204.22
Custodial & Property	$1,119.33
Uncategorized	$34.60
	$5,873.68

February Birthdays

Barbara Bickel	2/12
Robert Hench	2/12
Marissa Kenney	2/7
Kimberly Muller	2/5

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, 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

Feb 1—Exodus 3:7-10, Psalm 66:8-12
Miracle-making God, thank You for all our brothers and sisters in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen

Feb 2—Luke 2:22-38, Psalm 71:14-20
For faithful witnesses and for our God-with-us Redeemer, we joyfully praise You, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Feb 3—Acts 16:6-10, Psalm 96
Mission-making God, thank You for the faithful followers who hear Your call. In Jesus' name. Amen

Feb 4—Deuteronomy 10:18-20, Psalm 68:28-35
Thank You, Father, for so loving the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son that believers may have eternal life. In His name. Amen

Feb 5—1 Corinthians 3:5-9, Psalm 73:24-28
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God, You are my strength. In Jesus' name. Amen

Feb 6—2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 97
Jesus, we joyfully await the day You carry us home. Amen

Feb 7—Zephaniah 3:14-20, Psalm 56
"Lord, when the shadows lengthen, … I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home...So take my hand and lead me Unto the end" (LSB 722:3). Amen

Feb 8—Mark 12:41-44, Psalm 72:12-19
Blessed Savior, give us steel-like faith in You. Amen

Feb 9—Romans 16:1-16, Psalm 84
For faithful women, we thank You, loving Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Feb 10—Luke 12:1-7, Psalm 109:21-31
Father, cleanse our souls and empower our soles to walk in love for Jesus' sake. In His name. Amen

Feb 11—2 Corinthians 8:1-15, Psalm 146:1-7
"Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee" (LSB 783:1). Amen

Feb 12—Nehemiah 9:9-15, Psalm 105:1-11
Let earth and heaven ring with harmonies of our liberty in Christ! In His name. Amen

Feb 13—Romans 8:1-11, Psalm 34:15-22
Lord, You can have all this world, with its troubles and cares, but give me Jesus. In His name. Amen

Feb 14—Matthew 17:108, Psalm 5
Heavenly Father, we want to see Jesus. In His name. Amen

Feb 15—1 Timothy 2:1-6, Psalm 33:1-12
Watch over our nation, Lord, even as You love all people of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Feb 16—Matthew 11:25-30, Psalm 81:1-10
Teach me to lean on You, Lord, and open my eyes and heart to walk in love beside those burden bearers who are weary and heavy laden. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Feb 17—Joel 2:1-5, 12-19, Psalm 18:1-19
Lord, when my path goes through fiery trials, remind me that Your grace, all sufficient, will be my supply. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Feb 18—Ephesians 2:4-9, Psalm 85
Dearest Father, thank You for reformers who follow You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Feb 19—Deuteronomy 11:18-25, Psalm 78:1-8
Help us build Christ-centered schools and churches, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Feb 20—Leviticus 19:9-18, Psalm 37:1-20
We thank You, Lord, that Your ways are just, Your call divine, and Your mercy endless. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Feb 21—Philippians 2:4-11, Psalm 2
Jesus, You said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself" (John 12:32). Thank You for Your loving sacrifice. Amen

Feb 22—Colossians 1:15-23, Psalm 11
Let us lift high the cross, Jesus, proclaiming Your love to the world. Amen

Feb 23—1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Psalm 113
"I know my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!" (LSB 461:1). Amen

Feb 24—1 Peter 1:3-9, Psalm 69:29-36
For Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory! Amen

Feb 25—2 Timothy 3:10-17, Psalm 56
"The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace … purified seven times" (Psalm 12:6). In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Feb 26—Philippians 1:3-11, Psalm 54
O Lord, hear my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen

Feb 27—Colossians 3:12-17, Psalm 30:4-12
"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:6). Amen

Feb 28—Exodus 12:21-28, Psalm 79:8-13
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. 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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DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Church Council Members
Mark Hoover—President
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Evelyn Holsinger—Secretary
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Kim Vanvdevander
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

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***Evelyn Holsinger**
*Carolyn Feather
*Sylvia Malsatzki
*Donna Wilt
*Kim Vandevander
Shirley Manbeck
*Sharon Lightneer

Worship & Music
***Mark Hoover**
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Finance
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*Kim Vandevander

By-Laws
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