



Kirchenblatt June 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 June 2021



KIRCHENBLATT



"Good to see you!" "It's so good to see your face again!" "I had wondered if you still had a face under that mask so it's good to see that you do!" These are some of the comments that I heard people saying to each other as we gathered last Sunday for the celebration of Pentecost. It was good indeed to see everyone and to hear these comments and see the joy with which everyone gathered and hear the excitement in their voices as the council had followed the new CD guidelines that fully vaccinated people could gather again without masks and without social distancing.

This raises the question of why exactly do we gather? The second lesson from the Sunday also, coincidentally, was from Roman 8, where St. Paul writes, "Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Well, we waited with hope, didn't we, for the day when we could receive Covid vaccinations and some of the restrictions from this pandemic could be removed. And now we have seen that day! But Paul is speaking of our hope in an unseen God. Who has seen God face to face? The prophet Isaiah sees God in a dream, but most of us have not. But this is exactly why we gather!

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We gather every Sunday, as people of faith and hope because, for all of us who believe and hope in an unseen God can see God in the faces of each other! In my daily prayers I prayer for God to "open the eyes of my heart and mind that I may see Jesus and believe in him". This is my prayer for all of you too! And we gather for that reason...that in the "eyes of our hearts and minds" we may see God in each other's' faces!

So, while council did decide to remove some of the restrictions from the pandemic, they also decided to slowly remove others in our worship guidelines since the new cases in our county are still pretty high. Well, we wait with hope don't we? And in the meantime, let us rejoice that we can look for the presence of God in each other's' faces! Thanks be to God!

SEE you in church!

Pastor Carol

Contribution & Attendance Summary

March 2020

Contributions \$1,608.00

Average Weekly Attendance: COVID

March 2021

Contributions \$ 2,215.75

Average Weekly Attendance: COVID

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

March 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.04
Contributions	
General	\$1,972.00
Designated	\$243.75
Special	
Other Income	\$8,000.00
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	\$10,215.79

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2,439.70
Worship & Music	\$530.40
Office	\$1,025.00
Custodial & Property	\$4,237.37
Uncategorized	\$462.72
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	\$8,695.19

June Birthdays

	Michael Boston	6/11
	Dave Detwiler	6/24
	Karen Hench	6/28
	Janet Kauffman	6/16
	John Kessler	6/14
	Robin Kessler	6/24
	Sharon Lightner	6/10
	Verna Mills	6/6
	Nellimae Parsons	6/20
	Lynzi Vandevander	6/10
	Julia Wilt	6/5
	Joe Yanke	6/7

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, Bill and Donna Wilt

Those serving in our military

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade

Robert Civils

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

Inglennook Sr. Apts.:

Sylvia Malsatzki

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck

Jun 1—Exodus 33:21-23, Psalm 61

Dear Savior, hide me in the cavern of Your wounds until the storms of life have passed. Amen

Jun 2—Revelation 22:1-6, Psalm 16:11

Dear Jesus, bring us at last to that dear land of rest where we will be forever in Your presence in indescribable. Amen

Jun 3—Luke 24:28-35, Psalm 139:11-12

Abide with me, dear Savior, and help me to abide in You. Amen

Jun 4—Romans 8:31-39, Psalm 16:10

Ever-living God, thank You for the sure confidence of Jesus' resurrection. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 5—Philippians 3:20—4:1, Psalm 37:23

God our Father, help us to walk by faith and not by sight. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 6—Hebrews 4:9-13, Psalm 85:8

Lord God, be the light in the dark days of my life. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 7—Revelation 7:13-17, Psalm 145:5

Eternal God, I long to see You face-to-face, along with all who live forever in heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 8—Psalm 90, Psalm 23

Ever-living God, be with me when my short life is ended. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 9—Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 29:2

Lord, use me as You will to be Your vessel of the Gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 10—Romans 11:33-36, Psalm 36:5-6

Heavenly Father, draw me safely to Your side. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 11—Psalm 91:11-16, Psalm 34:7

Lord of all power and might, thank You for allowing me to sleep in peace while You watch over me. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 12—Romans 8:28-39, Psalm 30:5

Lord, help me to trust that what You do is always for my good. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 13—Galatians 4:4-7, Psalm 34:4

Thank You, Lord, for sending Your Son to make me righteous and holy in Your sight. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 14—Revelation 22:12-16, Psalm 33:1-5

Come, Lord Jesus! I eagerly await Your return. Amen

Jun 15—1 Peter 1:3-9, Psalm 98

Lord, my heart leaps up when I consider Your great love in Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 16—1 John 1:5-7, Psalm 22:6-8

Lord, let me never ever outlive my love for You. In the name of Jesus. Amen

Jun 17—1 Thessalonians 4:14-18, Psalm 40:1-3

Lord of the Church, ever lift our eyes toward that endless day in Your presence. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 18—Matthew 18:12-14, Psalm 95:7

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever. Amen

Jun 19—1 John 1:7-12, Psalm 145:1-7

Jesus, grant me to spend all my days in Your sweet praise! Amen

Jun 20—Matthew 7:9-12, Psalm 103:13

Heavenly Father, thank You for being a kind, wise, and caring Father to me. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 21—Philippians 1:21-23, Psalm 29:11

Good and gracious God, help me at length to obtain my Sabbath rest. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 22—1 Corinthians 15:51-58, Psalm 16:9

Risen Savior, help me to live each day with Easter joy. Amen

Jun 23—Psalm 56, Psalm 91:11-12

Dear Jesus, walk with me every day, all the way to heaven. Amen

Jun 24—Isaiah 40:1-5, Psalm 50:1-6

Gracious God, help me always to point others to Jesus by my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 25—Proverbs 30:5, Psalm 119:105

Lord of the Church, make Your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 26—Hebrews 12:1-3, Psalm 22:1-11

Ever-living God, thank You for sending Your Son to endure dark Gethsemane on my behalf. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 27—Luke 15:20-24, Psalm 145:18

Merciful Father, thank You for forgiving me and allowing me to start fresh every morning. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 28—1 Peter 5:1-7, Psalm 86:1-7

Dear God, thank You for always hearing my prayers through my friend Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 29—1 Peter 5:8-10, Psalm 124

Almighty God, shield me with Your mighty power from all that would harm my body and soul. In Jesus' name. Amen

Jun 30—John 14:15-21, Psalm 47

Ever-living God, thank You for always being by my side.. In Jesus' name. Amen

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Happy
Father's
Day



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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



Worship Guidelines

The council decided to follow the new CDC guidelines, so for fully vaccinated people, wearing masks is optional.

***DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, TUESDAY,
JUNE 15.***



Sunday June 13, 2021

Highland Park, Pavilion #1

11 AM Worship Service

12 PM Meal



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Highland Park, Pavilion #1

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Meal

*****Masks will be optional for those
fully vaccinated*****

SIGN UP SHEET

*****Bring your own Paper Plates, and Utensils*****

*****Beverages will be provided*****

*****Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Rolls will be provided*****

*****Please bring a Side Dish*****



Name: _____

Plan to attend #____ **Plan to bring** _____

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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**
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*Donna Foster
*Sylvia Malsatzki
Pat McConnell
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*Bill Wilt
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*Carolyn Feather
*Kim Vandevander

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***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
*Carolyn Feather
Edith Trinks

Property

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Bill Dambeck
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Bob Holsinger
Mike Savino
Shirley Manbeck

* Denotes Council Member