

Kirchenblatt October 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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**In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Dave Bowman
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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM-1PM

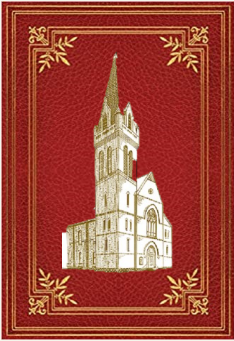
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MISSION STATEMENT:

**TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND
SACRAMENT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK October 2021

Dear Members of Saint James,

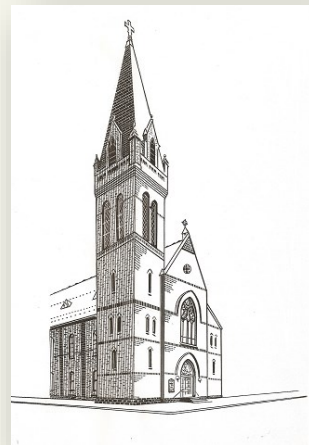
As I reflect on the Ministry of Pastors' Carol and Scott Custead over the last five years, I am thankful for their spiritual leadership at Saint James. They were a true blessing from God, and I believe that we as a Congregation are stronger spiritually. Our prayers are with both Pastor Scott and Carol as they move into the retirement and pray for God's healing on Pastor Scott.

As we move into a new era for the ministry at Saint James, we must not look back and think about what we have lost, but we must look towards a future with challenges to overcome. We must not grieve about the lost of our Pastors, but we look to the spiritual strength that they have given us as a Congregation.

Saint James must face the same challenges that the Disciples faced after the Crucifixion of our beloved Lord Jesus Christ. We have a decision to make. Do we like the Disciples after the Crucifixion hide and lock ourselves in because of fear (John 20:19) or do we like the Apostles at Pentecost being filled with the Holy Spirit are bold in our Proclamation of Jesus Christ as our risen Lord and Savior and sharing in blessing others with our spiritual gifts (Acts 3). I pray that all of you that are reading this letter will walk with me in our Faith in Jesus Christ to allow the Holy Spirit to do its work in us. So that we will not walk in fear, but we will have faith in God's plan for Saint James and walk forward in the light of the Jesus Christ. Fear not, we will overcome these challenging times without a Minister; because we have each other, and we have faith in Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings,

Mark Hoover



Contribution & Attendance Summary

July 2020

Contributions \$1,837
Average Weekly Attendance: 18

July 2021

Contributions \$1,445
Average Weekly Attendance: 10

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

July 1, 2021 - July 30, 2021

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,445.00
Designated	\$
Special	
Other Income	\$4,000.00
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	\$5,445.00

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2,266.63
Worship & Music	\$530.40
Office	\$976.19
Custodial & Property	767.18
Uncategorized	\$974.85
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	\$5,515.25

October Birthdays

Justin Eger	10/11
Valerie Feather	10/20
Paulette Frederick	10/12
Robert Green	10/8
Dana Mayo	10/13
Debra Morgan	10/24
David Parsons III	10/31
Michael Savino	10/26
Gabrielle Tyler	10/29



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.)

Shirley Manbeck, Bill Wilt, Donna Foster
Tim Surkovich, Dana Detwiler

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



Oct 1—2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Psalm 32

Merciful Lord, I am truly sorry for my sins. Please turn my grief into joy with Your forgiveness. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen

Oct 2—2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Psalm 32

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Oct 3—2 Kings 6:8-23, Psalm 27:1-3

Almighty God, please bless me with Your peace that surpasses understanding. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Oct 4—Philippians 2:4-7, Psalm 37:3-5

Heavenly Father, I confess that I often focus on my own interests. Please forgive me. Help me to first watch out for others. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 5—Philippians 4:11-13, Psalm 62

God of Peace, help me learn to be content in every situation. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 6—Matthew 13:44-45, Psalm 50:14-15

Dear Lord Jesus, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, help me to more fully value the glory of Your heavenly kingdom and joyfully offer sacrifices of thanksgiving to You. Amen

Oct 7—2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Psalm 66:10-12

Dear God, thank You for Jesus, whose blood won for us a beautiful heavenly home. In His name we pray. Amen

Oct 8—Philippians 2:1-3, Psalm 131

Lord, forgive me when I think I am better than others. Inspire me to count others as more significant than myself. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Oct 9—Thessalonians 5:16-18, Psalm 86:1-7

"What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer" (LSB 770:1). Amen

Oct 10—Colossians 3:1-17, Psalm 27:4-6

"one thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to in quire in His temple" (Psalm 27:4). Amen

Oct 11—2 Timothy 1:3-14, Psalm 121

Heavenly Father, please fill me with Your Spirit so that I may courageously and fearlessly share Your Gospel in this fallen world. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 12—Galatians 6:1-10, Psalm 119:59-60

Heavenly Father, I pray that You would put a spark in me to do good things. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 13—Exodus 1:5:1-21, Psalm 149:1-5

Almighty God, I rejoice in the glorious victory won for us through Jesus, in whose name I pray Amen

Oct 14—Romans 6:3-5, Psalm 51:1-2

Heavenly Father, we praise You for our deaths to sin and a new life in Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 15—Luke 22:19-20, Psalm 116:12-14

"Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!" (LSB 618:R). Amen

Oct 16—Job 12:7-10, Psalm 33:13-22

"Creator of the stars at night, Thy people's everlasting Light: O Christ, Redeemer, save us all and hear Thy servants when they call" (LSB 351:1). Amen

Oct 17—Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 95:3-6

Heavenly Father, help me to use all that I am blessed with to Your glory In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 18—2 Timothy 2:1-13, Psalm 34:19

Lord God, help me to find joy and confidence when I suffer for my faith in You. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 19—Matthew 5:13-16, Psalm 18:25-30

Dear Lord, help me show Your marvelous light to the world. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 20—Romans 5:6-11, Psalm 86:15

"Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come" (LSB 570:2). Amen

Oct 21—Matthew 25:31-40, Psalm 23

God of love, we pray that we may learn to love others as Jesus loved others. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 22—Matthew 13:18-23, Psalm 1

Heavenly Father, please fill me with a fervent desire to share the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 23—Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 119:9-16

Lord Jesus, help me to keep Your Law in my heart and in my conversations. Amen

Oct 24—John 15:1-17, Psalm 44:1-3

Almighty God, help me to boldly acknowledge Your goodness in my life every day. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 25—Ecclesiastes 7, Psalm 90

Lord, You are good all the time, both in prosperity and in adversity. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 26—Ephesians 4:29-32, Psalm 38:12-14

Lord, use my mouth to share the love of Christ. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Oct 27—Hebrews 2:14-18, Psalm 16

Most merciful God, we confess our sins and ask for Your forgiveness. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Oct 28—Philippians 3:12-21, Psalm 91

Heavenly Father, help us to fix our eyes on our citizenship in heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 29—Romans 1:18-21, Psalm 8:3-4

Creator God, we are blessed to see Your glory in what You have made. Thank You for all of creation and for the gift of the Word made flesh. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 30—John 10:22-30, Psalm 34

Lord, how can I ever be discouraged? Remind me of the love of the father, Son, and Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen

Oct 31—Habakkuk 2:2-4, Psalm 118

"A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious; He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious" (LSB 657:1). Amen



**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,

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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.

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 NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15.***



COUNCIL MEETING
BULLETIN DEADLINE
OCTOBERFEST
BULLETIN DEADLINE
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE
BULLETIN DEADLINE
ASWO CONVENTION
BULLETIN DEADLINE
REFORMATION SUNDAY
BULLETIN DEADLINE
BULLETIN DEADLINE
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OCT 3 RD 12 PM
OCT 5 TH 10:30 AM
OCT 10TH 12PM
OCT 12TH 10:30 AM
OCT 15TH 12 PM
OCT 19TH 10:30AM
OCT 23RD 8:30 AM
OCT 26TH 10:30AM
OCT 31ST
NOV 2ND 10:30AM
NOV 9TH 10:30AM
NOV 14TH 12PM

Blessed are you autumn,
 Season of the heart's yearning.
 You usher us into places of mystery
 And, like the leaves, we fall trustingly
 Into eternal, unseen hands



Church Council



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY

October 3rd
After Worship Service

COVID Guidelines will
be in effect!

*****During the winter months Church Council Meetings
will be held the second Sunday after Worship Service.***



Worship Guidelines

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



October 10, 2021

Dinner will be served following the Worship Service.

Dinner to include Sauerkraut, Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Kneadles (German Bread Dumpling) with Gravy, Hot German Potato Salad, Hot Dogs & Rolls, applesauce and drinks.

We are asking members to bring a side dish, vegetable or dessert.

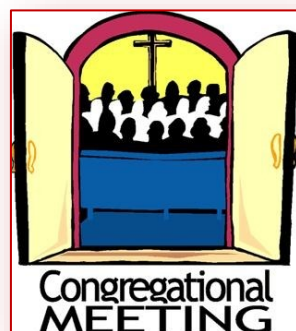




The **Annual Congregational** meeting will be held:

November 14th

after the service. There will be nominations for council members and then the election for council. The budget will be discussed and then anything else that the congregation may bring to our attention.



Margaret (Peggy) Thatcher, Vice President) of ASWO and Donna Wilt, Treasurer, would like to invite you to the convention. Please see either one of us if you have any questions. We encourage you to attend if at all possible. Thank You.

Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

Thirty-Second Annual Convention

Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1200 4th Avenue,
Duncansville, PA 16635.

Saturday, October 23, 2021 Registration Begins at 8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Make copies as needed.)

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Name _____

(First)

(Last)

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Congregation _____

Cong. # _____

City _____

Conference _____

Check all categories that apply to registrant:

☐ Voting Member ☐ Alt. Voting Member ☐ Guest ☐ Officer ☐ Board ☐ First Time Attendee

Registration fee \$15.00

Please send check or money order (payable to **Allegheny SWO**) to the

Registrar:

Donna Wilt
4701 Lyndale Avenue
Altoona PA 16602

Specify any dietary restrictions/special needs _____

Menu: Egg Casserole, Hash Brown Potatoes, Ham and Sausage, Various Muffins, Fruit Cup, Coffee, Tea, Juice

I am willing to serve in worship as:

☐ Reader ☐ Acolyte, ☐ Usher, or ☐ as needed

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

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WELCA NEWS

Let's face it, the pandemic has affected every part of our lives, including WELCA. We haven't disappeared or given up on our work for the church. We are in the planning stages for upcoming events and activities. Watch the bulletins, newsletters and website for more news.



To help fulfill our mission WELCA is looking for new members. If you or someone you know would like to join us contact Peggy Thatcher or Donna Wilt.



Thank You to WELCA's Shirley Manbeck for decorating St. James for the fall season.

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

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

Pastors— Search in Progress
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 Lightneer

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