

Kirchenblatt November 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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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM-1PM

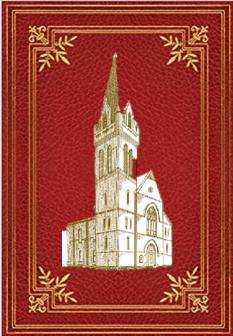
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK November 2021

Dear Members of Saint James,

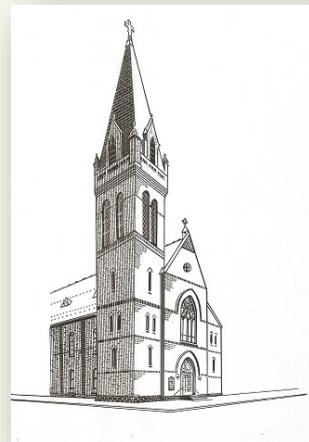
As I reflect on this coming Reformation Sunday and compare it to the world's celebration of Halloween, I am at awe of how much time, energy, and money that we spend on Halloween. Some people say that Halloween is their favorite holiday even over Christmas. Halloween is a pagan holiday that was celebrated on the Eve of All Saint's Day on October 31. Because All Saint's Day is a holy day, the world partied the evening before All Saint's Day on October 31 and changed the name from All Hallows' Eve to Halloween. Halloween is a contraction of All Hallows' Evening. Halloween was seen as the night that evil spirits and the dead walked the earth.

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 loss of our Pastors, but we need to look to the spiritual strength that they have given us as a Congregation. We too are going through a time of Reformation, and like Martin Luther who led a group of German clergy and servants of Christ in serval churches into new understands in their faith. We must move forward into a new ear of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ at Saint James.

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

August 2020

Contributions \$1,721
 Average Weekly Attendance: 15

August 2021

Contributions \$1,610
 Average Weekly Attendance: 12

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

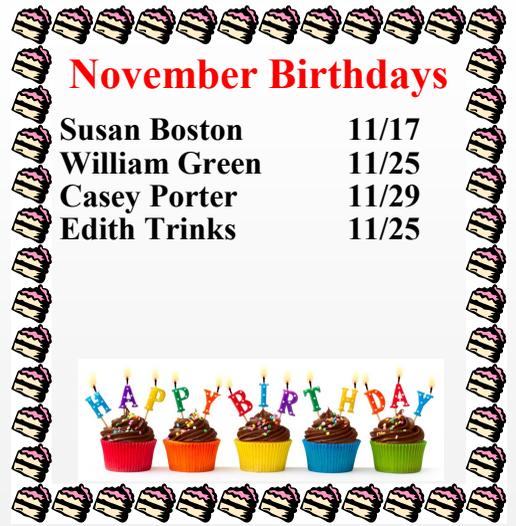
August 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,610.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$7,000.00
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	\$8,610.00

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$2,266.63
Worship & Music	\$580.40
Office	\$1,047.98
Custodial & Property	\$699.61
Uncategorized	\$1,425.28
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	\$6,019.90



November Birthdays

Susan Boston	11/17
William Green	11/25
Casey Porter	11/29
Edith Trinks	11/25

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,
 Bob Hench, Debbie Thomas

Those serving in our military

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade

Robert Civils

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

Inglenook Sr. Apts.:

Sylvia Malsatzki

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck



Nov 1—2 Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 1

Dearest Jesus, conform us ever to Your image, inspired by Your saving love. Amen.

Nov 2—Ezekiel 13:1-16, Psalm 61

Dearest Jesus, send up faithful prophets, that by Your Word, spoken through them, we might be saved. Amen.

Nov 3—Malachi 2:1-9, Psalm 40

Dearest Jesus, thank You for offering Yourself as a sacrifice. Amen.

Nov 4—Matthew 19:1-9, Psalm 43

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your sacrificial love. Bless Your Church with faith so that we never outgrow our love for You. Amen.

Nov 5—Lamentations 2:13-17, Psalm 70

Dear heavenly Father, have mercy on us, and create in us new hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 6—Jeremiah 6:9-15, Psalm 82

Dearest Jesus, restore innocence and teach us to blush. Amen.

Nov 7—Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 41

Dear Father, forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake. In His name. Amen.

Nov 8—Amos 5:1-15, Psalm 71:1-9

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for sending us Your Son, the Lord of Life. In His name. Amen.

Nov 9—Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 40:1-5

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for taking the judgment of our sin upon Yourself. Amen.

Nov 10—Joel 2:12-17, Psalm 57:1-3

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for forgiving us, and for welcoming our children into Your family. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 11—Joel 3:9-21, Psalm 57:4-11

Dear Lord Jesus, You have conquered death and Satan. Give us strength to fight in the earthly battles still raging, knowing that You won for us eternal victory. Amen.

Nov 12—Matthew 12:43-45, Psalm 41:1-5

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for giving us Your Son, who alone can fill the hole in our hearts. In His name we pray. Amen.

Nov 13—Ezekiel 7:10-27, Psalm 90:1-12

Dear Father, to You a thousand years are like a day. Thank You for giving us life eternal in Your Son, our Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 14—Mark 13:1-13, Psalm 43

Dear Lord, give us courage to speak the truth, knowing that You will never abandon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 15—1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Psalm 44:1-2

Dear Father, give to us all Christ's Spirit of encouragement and hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 16—Zechariah 1:7-17, Psalm 44:4-8

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for entering the battlefield and winning for us the victory. Amen.

Nov 17—Job 16:1-21, Psalm 44:22-26

Dearest Jesus, teach us to confess our sins but to be bold in confessing the truth. Amen.

Nov 18—1 Thessalonians 5:12-18, Psalm 9:1-14

Heavenly Father, teach us to rejoice with one another, supporting and loving those whom You have given into our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 19—Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 100

Dearest Jesus, thank You for bringing joy and hope. Amen.

Nov 20—Daniel 7:9-14, Psalm 98

Dear heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Son, that we might enter Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 21—Mark 13:24-37, Psalm 42

Dearest Jesus, teach us ever to trust Your Word. Amen.

Nov 22—Jude 20-25, Psalm 84:1-4

Dear Lord Jesus, keep us from stumbling, and hold us firm in Your love. Amen.

Nov 23—Revelation 1:4-8, Psalm 120

Dear Jesus, come soon to deliver us. Make haste to help us. Amen.

Nov 24—Mark 9:42-50, Psalm 121

Dear Father, fill our hearts with faith, courage, and compassion. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 25—Luke 17:11-19, Psalm 65

Dear Lord God, give us hearts that are grateful and feet eager to enter Your house and give You thanks. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 26—1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Psalm 113

Dear Father, thank You for Your faithfulness. Make us trustworthy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 27—Mark 12:38-44, Psalm 103:1-5

Dear Lord Jesus, in all our giving, make us ever mindful that You gave up Your very life for us on the cross. Amen.

Nov 28—Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 25:1-10

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to bring peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 29—Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7

Dear Father, thank You for Your Son, who paid that price so that our own sin may be forgiven and forgotten. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 30—Luke 14:15-24, Psalm 45

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for laying down Your life for Your Bride, the Church. Amen.



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,
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.***



BULLETIN DEADLINE
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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE
BULLETIN DEADLINE
POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE
CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING
 * Pizza for Lunch
WELCA CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER
 * Place and Time TBD
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE
CHURCH UN-DECORATING
 * Pizza for Lunch

NOV 2ND 10:30AM
NOV 9TH 10:30AM
NOV 14TH 12PM
NOV 15TH 12 PM
NOV 16TH 10:30AM
NOV 28TH 12 PM
DEC 4TH 10 AM

DEC 11TH

DEC 12TH 12 PM
DEC 15TH 12 PM
JAN 8TH 10 AM





NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

December 12th 12 PM

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.



**"LOVE IS A
FOUR LEGGED WORD"**



WELCA OF ST JAMES INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE!

WHEN: November 7 - December 19

WHAT: Dog and cat food, treats and small blankets.

WHO: You, you and you

WHERE: Please bring your donations to the church and place them under the WELCA Tree

Did you know our Human Society is a "NO KILL NETWORK!"





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.

WELCA's Christmas Get Together *All are invited!*

DATE DECEMBER 11, 2021, WHERE: TBD

This opportunity provided by
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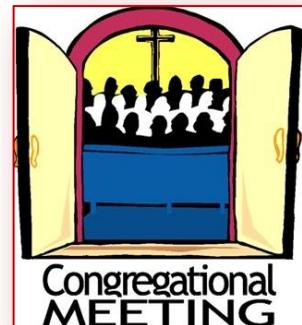
WOMEN
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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.





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Christmas Poinsettias

Bless our Sanctuary and your home this Christmas with a beautiful red poinsettia! For each \$8.00 you contribute to the St. James Flower Fund, a flower will be placed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and will be available for you to take with you following our Christmas Eve Service. If you would rather donate the flower for a shut-or or friend of St. James, you may indicate that choice on this order form.

Please complete the form and return it to the church. **The deadline for poinsettia orders and payments is Sunday, November 28, 2021.** Thank you for your generosity in this endeavor!

Your Name _____
(as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)

This donation is made:

In Honor of: _____

Or

In Memory of: _____

Amount of Contribution: _____

Number of Christmas Poinsettias: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Please check one:

_____ Yes, I do want to take the poinsettia (s) home with me.

_____ No. I don't want to take the poinsettia (s). I would like them to be given to a shut in or friend of St. James

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

Worship & Music

***Mark Hoover**
*Dana Detwiler
*Donna Foster
*Sylvia Malsatzki
Pat McConnell
*Sharon Lightner

By-Laws

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

Christian Education/
Social Ministry

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

Finance

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
*Donna Wilt
*Bill Wilt
Ralph Grove

Property

***Bill Wilt**
Bill Dambeck
*Evelyn Holsinger
Bob Holsinger
Mike Savino
Shirley Manbeck

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**
*Dana Detwiler
*Carolyn Feather
*Kim Vandevander

* Denotes Council Member