

Kirchenblatt January 2022

(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

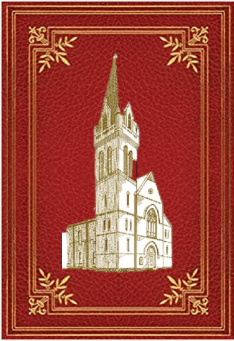
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK January 2022

Dear Members of Saint James,

As we enter a New Year, we are faced with many new challenges and changes in our lives. These changes include many new things and situations such as politicians taking new offices, people taking new job opportunities and promotions, changing in our organization leadership, and changes in our society. We have had many changes in our society and our personal lives over the last year with the need to wearing masks, taking covid vaccines and boosters, social distancing, being separated from friends and family.

As a church, we have had many changes also including the loss of Pastor Carol and Scott and our pulpit being filled with different people almost every week. These changes can become overwhelming and stressful, and we suffer anxieties. It's all because of changes that we have in our lives. But one of the things that we must remember is that our lives will change because change is inevitable and change will happen. It is how that we deal with change that determines how we feel about life and the world.

One of the ways that we can deal with the stress and anxiety that is caused by change, is to turn to things that do not change. The things that do not change in our lives are such things as friends and family and developing schedules that do not change. But one of the biggest things that does not change is Jesus Christ himself. "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13: 7-8). Here the Holy Scriptures challenge us to the realization that Jesus Christ never changes and that

He is always there for us. If we want to overcome the stress of change in our lives, we can do this by turning to our unchangeable Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for he is the same yesterday and today and tomorrow and because He never changes. He is a loving Lord who always is willing to accept us if we turn to him in repentance and God will forgive our sins for Jesus' sake. This will give us comfort in our times of change and give us the feeling that there is stability in the world. Because if God loves us who can ever be against us and who can ever try to destroy us. Because Jesus Christ has already conquered sin, death, and the devil. With all these things conquered, change is nothing and change can never disrupt our lives because God is with us. Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and we are safe in God's hands. Just remember that we are safe because of Jesus Christ is the light that shines in the darkness of our lives and this world can't overcome Christ or us. Take comfort in the joys of your salvation and the comfort of being a child of God who is loved by God, cared by God, and who are looked over and kept safe from all changes and from all dangers. We are God's children. Prayer is another way to overcome the stress of change because it is our way to talk to God and ask for his comfort in times of change. Remember to pray to God for His loving embrace and to pray for God's protection for us and our church leadership and pray for us to keep our faith in Jesus Christ strong.

Happy New Years and God's Blessings,

Mark Hoover

Contribution & Attendance Summary

October 2020

Contributions \$1,944.38
Average Weekly Attendance: 15

October 2021

Contributions \$1,198.00
Average Weekly Attendance: 14

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

October 1, 2021 - October 31, 2021

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.07
Contributions	
General	\$1,198.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$10,000.00
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	\$11,198.07

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$426.20
Worship & Music	\$530.40
Office	\$889.12
Custodial & Property	\$719.79
Uncategorized	\$0.00
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	\$2,565.51

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.)

Pastor Scott, Tim Surkovich,
Dana Detwiler, Debbie Thomas,
Carolyn Feather, Bob Hench,
Donna Wilt, Peggy Thatcher,
Jane Helmers

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



Jan 1—Luke 1:30-33, Psalm 145

Father, in history's greatest kindness, You gave Your Son to make us Your family. Give us kind hearts to lead others to the heavenly reward Christ earned. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 2—Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 34

As we live in Your light, O Lord, help us stand in awe of Your radiance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 3—Isaiah 64:1-8, Psalm 104:24-35

Father, open our eyes to Your mighty works, especially the salvation Your Son has won for us. In His name. Amen.

Jan 4—Titus 2:1-15, Psalm 141

God, give me the wisdom to rely on You to control my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 5—Isaiah 40:27-31, Psalm 121

Father, grant us refuge in Your arms, which never tire of holding us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 6—Ephesians 3:1-12, Psalm 139

Forgive our sinful hearts, Lord, and spread Your Word to all nations. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 7—Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 98

Lord Jesus, make our joyful hearts examples of Your gracious goodness to the world. Amen.

Jan 8—Luke 1:1-4, Psalm 103

Bring order to the messes in our lives and help us hear clearly Your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 9—1 Corinthians 26-31, Psalm 18:1-14

Father, forgive Your foolish people when we put our "knowledge" before Yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 10—Acts 3:17-26, Psalm 85:1-13

Give me Your living water, Lord Jesus, that I may drink and be satisfied. Amen.

Jan 11—Matthew 3:13-17, Psalm 61

Lord Jesus, forgive our sins, and give us the life only You can provide. Amen.

Jan 12—John 12:1-8, Psalm 31:14-25

How can it be that You call us Your children? Yet You do. Thank You, Father. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 13—1 Peter 3:1-17, Psalm 63

Thank You, God, for Your tenderhearted compassion for us that heals our brokenness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 14—1 Thessalonians 5:12-24, Psalm 119:49-56

God, as You have built us up, help us to encourage one another in our lives of faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 15—Proverbs 24:23-29, Psalm 119:137-152

Jesus, thank You for being the way and the truth and the life for us. Amen.

Jan 16—Isaiah 40:6-8, Psalm 96

Father, though our fragile lives fade, Your Word gives perfect life that endures. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 17—Galatians 3:23-29, Psalm 71:1-16

Lord of all hopefulness, give us faith and hope to trust You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 18—1 John 4:7-12, Psalm 36

What joy to be loved by You, O God! Let love live in us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 19—2 Timothy 3:10-17, Psalm 33:1-12

God, bless our shepherds and equip them well to share Your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 20—1 Samuel 1, Psalm 40

Our dear God, help us trust You to give all good things in Your time. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 21—Ephesians 5:18-33, Psalm 51

Father, may Christ's sacrifice inspire us to sacrifice in service to You and others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 22—1 Samuel 12:19-25, Psalm 89:1-18

We trust You, Father, to keep our faith alive through Your faithfulness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jan 23—James 3:13-18, Psalm 18:31-50

We are Your sheep, dear Jesus. Keep us safe in Your gentle care. Amen.

Jan 24—1 Peter 5:1-11, Psalm 25

Lead us, Lord, to live humbly before You, trusting in Your mercy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

- Jan 25—1 Timothy 2:1-10, Psalm 4
Father, give us the peace that the world can never give. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- Jan 26—Ruth 2:8-23, Psalm 86:14-17
Thank You, Lord, for bringing our disloyal hearts to faith in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- Jan 27—Proverbs 12, Psalm 119:1-16
Thank You, God, for patiently shaping all things for our good. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- Jan 28—Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 119:97-112
Source of all wisdom, let us cling to the salvation You have won for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- Jan 29—Proverbs 4:1-9, Psalm 86
Jesus, as You bless us, lead us to follow in Your grace-filled footprints. Amen.
- Jan 30—Matthew 8:1-17, Psalm 78:32-39
Abba, Father, dress us with compassion as we share You with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- Jan 31—Jeremiah 1:4-19, Psalm 27
Bring courage to our timid hearts, God, as we trust in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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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 FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.***



BULLETIN DEADLINE
CHURCH UN-DECORATING

*** Pizza for Lunch**

KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE

JAN 4TH 10:30AM

JAN 8TH 10 AM

JAN 15TH 12 PM



NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

February 13th 12 PM

COVID Guidelines will be in effect!

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

Thrivent Christmas St James Get Together Dave Dream December 11th 2021

We had 15 attend for lunch and a good time.

Our guest speaker was Bill Krill a counselor from Hollidaysburg. He gave a talk about stress factors that accompany Christmas. He shared with us what it has been like losing his wife when she died very sudden this past year and how COVID affected him and his business. Bill also shared with the group a story of his "love flute". We all enjoyed his words and a tune from the flute.

Andrea Paul, Thrivent representative, was with us and gave 2022 calendars and several other Thrivent trinkets.

A big thank you to all who contributed to the narthex DOG and CAT treat tree. The Human Society has been closed due to COVID and lack of workers. The Christmas tree decorations of food and treats will still be delivered to the four legged friends.

A big thank you to all of you who contributed, attending or had any part of the Thrivent gathering. Even though Bill and Donna Wilt was unable to be with the group a big thank you to them for setting up the Christmas tree in the narthex.

Thank You again to everyone!





In Memoriam

It is with great sadness to announce that former pastor James K. Rill passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at the age of 80.

A Celebration of Life will occur later in 2022.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking to consider a donation in memory of Pastor Jim for the St. John's Childhood Center in Millheim, Pa which he helped found and was one of his proudest accomplishments. Send donations to 101 Mill Street, Millheim, PA 16854. (814) 349-5349.

Please visit Jim's Memorial Page at www.TheGroffs.com

Worship Guidelines

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

Church Council Members

Mark Hoover—President
Donna Wilt—Vice President
Evelyn Holsinger—Secretary
Ralph Grove—Treasurer
Betty Boslet
Dana Detwiler
Donna Foster
Sharon Lightner
Sylvia Malsatzki
Shirley Manbeck
Mike Savino
Bill Wilt

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

*Dana Detwiler
*Donna Foster
*Evelyn Holsinger
*Sharon Lightner
*Donna Wilt
*Mike Savino
Joe Yanke

Christian Education/ Social Ministry

***Evelyn Holsinger**
*Sharon Lightner
*Sylvia Malsatzki
*Shirley Manbeck
*Donna Wilt

Worship & Music

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

Finance

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

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**
*Dana Detwiler

By-Laws

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
*Mike Savino

Property

***Bill Wilt**
Bill Dambeck
Bob Holsinger
*Evelyn Holsinger
*Shirley Manbeck
Pat McConnell

* Denotes Council Member
Thrivent Rep.—
Robin Kessler