



Kirchenblatt February 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

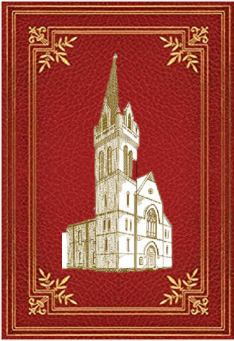
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK February 2022

Dear Members of Saint James,

On Sunday of February 13, 2022, we will be having a Special Valentine Love Worship Service entitled "All You Need Is Love" given by Peggy Thatcher. Please come and enjoy this special Sunday Service.

As we enter the month of February and look forward to Valentine's Day, we will hear a lot about LOVE! This type of love will be related to romantic love. But do we really understand love? Let us see what Jesus has to say about love. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:12-13. This is Jesus' and God's standard to love.

In today's world, when we talk about love, we are speaking about romantic love which is a lesser form of God's Love because we know that God is Love 1 John 4:8. In the world, romantic love is what I call love for someone until something better comes along. We love someone until they do something to frustrate us, to anger us, to betray us, etc., or someone else offers us a new love; then we move on to someone else who we think is a better love. But this new love is no better than the old love or until we grow bored with this new love too. Romantic love is no match for the Love of God.

God's love for us is a self-sacrificing love. Where God gives His all to us and holds nothing back from us. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16. This is the Love of God. God's love is where God gives His Son to die for us for the forgiveness of our sins. God send Jesus to die in our place for our sins. This is truly love. Jesus also so loved us as God loved us that He was willing to lay down His life for us as a sacrifice for sin, so that we could have forgiveness of sins.

Jesus calls us to have the same self-sacrificing love for one another through the power of the Holy Spirit. If we have the Spirit of Christ in us, we will be willing to lay down other lives for each other. This is the love of God that is in our heart as we love each as Christ has loved us. This Love of God is not an easy task, but with Christ in our hearts we will be able to love each other with a self-sacrificing love to the point of death. This is truly the love of God that we celebrate in the Church of Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us love one another as Jesus has loved us and to love Jesus as He has loved us.

Happy Valentine's Day and May God Bless You with a Love that Passes All Understanding,

Mark Hoover



Contribution & Attendance Summary

November 2020

Contributions \$ 1,571.50
Average Weekly Attendance: 15

November 2021

Contributions \$ 1,582.00
Average Weekly Attendance: 14

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

November 1, 2021 - November 30, 2021

INCOME

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Bank Interest | \$0.07 |
| Contributions | |
| General | \$1,410.00 |
| Designated | \$172.00 |
| Special | \$0.00 |
| Other Income | \$4,000.00 |
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| | \$5,582.07 |

EXPENSES

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Pastoral Administration | \$302.00 |
| Worship & Music | \$530.40 |
| Office | \$889.12 |
| Custodial & Property | \$1,251.39 |
| Uncategorized | \$219.65 |
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| | \$3,192.56 |

February Birthdays

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|----------------|------|
| Barbara Bickel | 2/12 |
| Robert Hench | 2/12 |
| Marissa Kenney | 2/7 |
| Kim 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.)

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

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



Feb 1—Genesis 2:5-9, Psalm 105:1-11

Open my eyes and my heart, Lord, that I may appreciate Your gift of nourishment and remember to thank You! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 2—Genesis 12:1-8 , Psalm 40:1-10

Lord God, help me to live with an open heart and open hands that I, too, may bear Your blessings to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 3—Genesis 24:58-67 , Psalm 45:10-17

Gracious God, pour Your love into our hearts so that we may find You in Your children. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 4—Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 6

Merciful God, use every turning in my life to bring about Your kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 5—Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 146

Jesus, help me to remember what Your blood has done for me. Amen.

Feb 6—Exodus 34:29-33, Psalm 99

God of power and might, transform my life so that I may always communicate Your love to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 7—Leviticus 19:9-18, Psalm 68:1-10

God, may I be overwhelmed by Your generosity that I may share what You have given me with those in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 8—Deuteronomy 6:10-15, Psalm 57:1-3

God, help me to remember that You are the giver of all good gifts, and to use the gifts that You have given me to serve You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 9—Joshua 2:1-21, Psalm 87

Lord God, I ask You to open my eyes to the ways that You are calling me to serve You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 10—Ruth 4:13-17, Psalm 47

Steadfast loving God, help me to rest in Your love and to trust in Your plan for my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 11—2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 66

God of the covenant, thank You for touching my life with Your gifts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 12—Nehemiah 8:1-12, Psalm 33:1-9

Open my ears, gracious God, that I may listen and love Your Word as the Israelites did. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 13—Ecclesiastes 3:9-15, Psalm 90:1-12

Generous God, thank You for Your gift of work in my life. May it be an avenue of praise to Your name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 14—Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 127:1-5

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your journey among us. Help us to love one another as You have loved us. Amen.

Feb 15—Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 51:1-10

Grant me Your grace, all-forgiving God, to accept Your mercy and to begin again. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 16—Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 62

Give me strength to wait upon Your timing in my life, God, and to trust in Your steadfast love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 17—Ezekiel 11:14-21, Psalm 67

Replace my heart of stone, loving God, so that I may sing Your praises with my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 18—Luke 1:8-25, Psalm 5

Help me point the way to You, Lord Jesus, by the way I live my life every day. In Your name. Amen.

Feb 19—Ephesians 4:25-32, Psalm 1

Soften my heart, God of love, that I may regard my brothers and sisters with forgiving eyes. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 20—Luke 9:1-6, Psalm 20

Generous God, grant me true poverty of spirit, so that I may realize that all I have comes from You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 21—Matthew 22:15-22, Psalm 126

Lord Jesus, help me to live as a citizen of Your kingdom while serving here on earth. Amen.

Feb 22—John 13:3-15, Psalm 133

Open my eyes, Lord Jesus, that I may see the humble tasks You set before me and embrace them gladly. Amen.

Feb 23—Acts 9:36-42, Psalm 138

Generous God, may I praise Your name for all the blessings with which You shower me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 24—Romans 8:18-25, Psalm 139:1-14

God, be with me in my suffering so that I will focus on the glory that is to come. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 25—1 Corinthians 7:17-24, Psalm 27

Loving God, help me to cling to my true identity as Your child in the face of the ups and downs of my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 26—Philippians 1:3-11, Psalm 145:1-9

God, Your servant Paul reminds me of Your love for us. I thank You for his love letter, which helps me feel close to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 27—Revelation 21:22-27, Psalm 19

Loving God, help me to remain mindful of the glory that You are preparing for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Feb 28—1 John 3:1-3, Psalm 131

Loving God, I place my hope in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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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 MARCH ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.***



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.***



WELCA NEWS

The Central Pennsylvania Humane Society thanked the women of ELCA for their generous donation of cat litter, cat toys, cat treats, dog food, dog toys, and dog treats for their furry friends. They said it's wonderful to know there are caring individuals like WELCA who are concerned about the problems of pet overpopulation, health, and well-being of animals.

They extended a welcome to visit the animals in person at the shelter or to browse their website at www.centralpahumane.org to see all the amazing animals waiting for new homes.





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
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Robin Kessler