



Kirchenblatt April 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

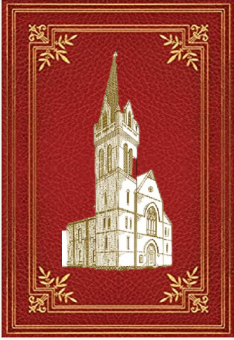
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK

April 2022

Dear Members of Saint James,

As we enter into the final stretch of our Lenten journey and prepare ourselves for the sadness of Holy Week and the joy of Easter, I remind you of the victory that we have over sin, death, and the Devil through Jesus Christ. This time of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are a vivid reminder of Jesus' death on the Cross. Martin Luther said that we need to look at everything including our life through the lens of the Cross. Only coming face to face with the Cross of Jesus Christ, do we begin to understand life, our relationship with God, and ourselves. One only experiences the glory of Jesus' Resurrection, when we first face the Cross of Jesus Christ. We can only celebrate Easter, when we first look into the face of the Dying Jesus as He hung on the Cross as He gave up His life to give us eternal life. We can never understand God's glory without experiencing the Cross of Jesus Christ. This is the difference between the Theology of Glory verses the Theology of the Cross which Martin Luther wrote about.

We as Christians love to talk about the Glory of God, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, or the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, but there must be sacrifice before Glory comes. Before there was Glory, there was the Cross of Jesus Christ. In fact, Jesus suffered crucifixion to achieve His and our Glory. You can never understand or fully celebrate Easter without first going through Good Friday. The Cross of Jesus Christ is a hard subject to talk about and we usually avoid it like the plague. Death is a rough topic to discuss or to face, but we must come face to face with the Cross and the death of Jesus Christ to understand the Glory of God that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

Through the death of Jesus Christ, Jesus won the greatest victory for us by defeating sin, death, and the Devil. The Cross of Jesus became our sinner sacrifice before God. Jesus' death is what makes us right before God. By Jesus' death, we receive forgiveness of sins and the Righteous of God which we are not worthy to have. We are made pure through Christ's death. Through Jesus' death, we receive the Son's place in His Father's House. By the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we receive eternal life with Jesus in Heaven, and we shared in Christ's Glory for all eternity. Glory never comes to us by itself, therefore, Glory only comes to us through the Cross of Jesus Christ.

I pray that you ponder the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross over the coming Holy Week and that you experience the joy and thanksgiving of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as we celebrate Easter. Have a Blessed Easter, Hallelujah!!

Mark Hoover



Contribution & Attendance Summary**January 2021**

Contributions \$ 190.00

Average Weekly Attendance: COVID

January 2022

Contributions \$ 1,251.00

Average Weekly Attendance: 16

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY**January 1, 2022 - January 31, 2022****INCOME**

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,251.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,146.99
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	\$5,397.99

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$0.00
Worship & Music	\$1,198.62
Office	\$1,903.61
Custodial & Property	\$4,287.09
Uncategorized	\$0.00
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	\$7,389.32

April Birthdays

Betty Boslet	4/12
Judy Dambeck	4/23
Jay Detwiler	4/10
Mark Hoover	4/2
Stephen Lightner	4/20
Jeff Marlett Sr.	4/27
Pat McConnell	4/5
Ralph Muller	4/24
Eric Wilt	4/6

***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,
Debbie Thomas,
Carolyn Feather, Bob Hensch,
Donna Wilt, Peggy Thatcher,
Jane Helmers, Carol Weaver

Those serving in our military

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade

Robert Civils

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

Homewood

Sylvia Malsatzki

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck



Apr 1—Acts 22:12-16, Psalm 51:1-19

Wash me, dear Father, in the blood of Jesus. Wipe away the dirty stain of my sin, that I may be cleaner and whiter than snow in Your eyes, forgiven and new. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Apr 2—Genesis 9:12-17, Psalm 36

Dear Lord Jesus, please open our eyes to see Your love around us in brilliant colors, ever calling us to repent, forgive, and love as You have taught us. Amen.

Apr 3—John 8:12-20, Psalm 27

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for Your forgiveness and for Your Spirit. Use me to shine the light of Your Word into the sin-darkened world around me. Amen.

Apr 4—Genesis 33:12-14, Psalm 127:1-5

Dear Lord, through the eyes of children, we learn about You. Guide us and lead us through Your Son, Jesus. In His name. Amen.

Apr 5—Luke 2:40-52, Psalm 119:73-80

Holy Spirit, thank You for keeping us steadfast in faith throughout our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Apr 6—Isaiah 61, Psalm 34

Dear Lord Jesus, lift me up to handle the challenges I face daily. Amen.

Apr 7—Luke 1:46-56, Psalm 103

Dear Jesus, may we never forget all the good things You do for us every day. Amen.

Apr 8—John 21:3-7, Psalm 55

Dear Jesus, when we lose our way, we ask that You shine through the fog of Satan's lies and guide us home to You. Amen.

Apr 9—Judges 7:4-8, Psalm 48

Dear Lord Jesus, You provided enough for Gideon, as You provide enough for us in our faith and daily life. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

Apr 10—John 12:12-19, Psalm 7

Dear Jesus, may we ever celebrate with praise and adoration what You sacrificed and achieved for us. Amen.

Apr 11—Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 141

Lord Jesus, help us to count on You for our present and lead us into our future with You in paradise. Amen.

Apr 12—Galatians 3:23-29, Psalm 30

Dear Lord Jesus, You provided our salvation, our one and only chance at being clean. We can never thank You enough for that sacrifice. Amen.

Apr 13—Matthew 18:10-14, Psalm 95

Heavenly Father, foolishly we stray from Your Word. Grant us Your Spirit and Your Word, that we may daily follow our Good Shepherd's voice. In His name. Amen.

Apr 14—Luke 22:39-43, Psalm 34:9,19

Dear Jesus, out of love, You journeyed into battle for us poor, wretched creatures. Grant us the courage to follow the path You have set before us. Amen.

Apr 15—John 12:27-36, Psalm 29

Jesus, we could never repay the debt for our dark sin. You sheltered us from the horrors of the storm with Your body and life. We ever thank You. Amen.

Apr 16—Mark 1:35-39, Psalm 62

Speak to us, dear Lord Jesus, in the quiet around us. Make Your voice heard over the din of the world around us. Amen.

Apr 17—Matthew 28:1-10, Psalm 147

Dear triumphant Lord Jesus, may my heart hold a parade of thanksgiving for all You do every day. Amen.

Apr 18—Romans 16:1-16, Psalm 43

Dear Lord Jesus, use our quiet everyday words and actions to honor and glorify You, bestower of all forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Amen.

Apr 19—1 Thessalonians 4:9-11, Psalm 73

Good Father, use our hands and hearts to focus Your calling and properly use the gifts You have graciously given. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Apr 20—1 John 4:7-12, Psalm 105:1-6

Dear Lord, please help us receive Your call. Enter our hearts and minds so that, as Jesus reached out to us on the cross, we will always reach out to You. In His name. Amen.

Apr 21—John 15:1-11, Psalm 80

Dear Lord Jesus, hold my hand, heart, and mind firm in faith in You. Let me never be separated from You, Your forgiveness, and Your love. Amen.

Apr 22—Joshua 6:1-5, Psalm 46

Dear Lord, we know You are in control. You have the long-range plan. Show me the path You have planned for my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Apr 23—1 Peter 5:6-8, Psalm 12

Dear Lord Jesus, You cared for us so much that You died on the cross for our sins. Let that remind us to call to You for help in times of need. Amen.

Apr 24—Revelation 4:9-11, Psalm 18:1-10

Dear Lord God, You perfected this marvelous world You created. Help us learn and trust in You, beyond all doubt. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Apr 25—Ephesians 4:25-32, Psalm 19

Dear Lord God, guide my lips to proclaim Your love so that my words may ever be a benefit to those around me to Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Apr 26—Exodus 16:8-10, Psalm 73:16-28

Dear Lord God, You always know what is best for us, and You provide for all our needs. Thank You for holding us in the palm of Your hand, forgiving our wayward tendencies. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Apr 27—Matthew 11:25-30, Psalm 23

When we are troubled, Lord Jesus, come into our hearts and minds and bring us peace that we may rest in the assurance of Your love. Amen.

Apr 28—John 21:8-11, Psalm 90

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for the blessings of love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness that are ours in Jesus. Amen.

Apr 29—1 Samuel 17:38-40, Psalm 9

Dear Jesus, You guide us, strengthen us, and help us to be brave as we head out into the mission field every day. Amen.

Apr 30—2 Peter 3:14-18, Psalm 20

Dear Jesus, thank You for everything You have done for us. Let us never tire of studying Your Word and trusting You to guide all we do. Help us ever grow in faith in You. 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 MAY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
FRIDAY, APRIL 15.***



Pastor Drew personally wishes to extend an invitation to the members of St. James to attend Wednesday services for the season of Lent. During the season of Lent, we gather on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.



NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 12th 12 PM



SWEETS AND TREATS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH WILL START AGAIN IN MAY OF 2022.

**The next Sweets and Treats is
May 1, 2022**



OUR POTLUCK DINNERS WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN MAY OF 2022.

**The next Potluck Dinner is
May 22, 2022**



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.

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

**YOUR CHURCH'S GIFT
WILL BE MATCHED UP TO
\$100,000**



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CHURCH PICNIC

Planning for the church picnic has begun. You can use the sign up sheet on the stand in the narthex or on the foyer bulletin board. Or use the sheet on the next page.

Church Picnic will be held June 26, 2022 at Highland Park, Pavilion #1



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