



Kirchenblatt March 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

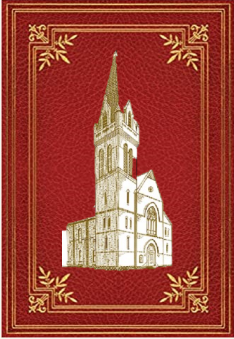
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK March 2022

Dear Members of Saint James,

On Wednesday, March 3, 2022, we celebrate Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent. As we enter the season of Lent, it is the time of the church year where Christians prepared their hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter. Lent will then end on Maundy Thursday. During this time of Lent, we enter a time of reflection about life and especially our Christian lives. Lent is the time that we remember Jesus' 40 days in the Wilderness being tempted by Satan. During which time, Jesus overcame Satan's temptations with the Word, fasting, and prayer. To commemorate Jesus' battle with Satan in the desert, many Christians will give special vows and offerings, repent of their sins, deny themselves of a pleasure, pray, and fast during the 40 days of Lent. Many Christians will add special spiritual practices like daily Scripture readings, devotions, and praying to their Lenten disciplines to draw themselves closer to God.

The whole point of Lent is to take a closer look at ourselves and for us to realize that we are nothing but sinner who are completely depended on God's grace and the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the Cross for our righteousness. We must understand that there is absolutely nothing that we can do to gain our salvation.

We are SINNERS through and through. There is no salvation in the Law, because the Law shows us that we are sinners. There is no salvation in Works, because we perform more evil works than good works and even our good works are self-motivated which then count for nothing. Therefore, we are sinners and need the salvation that comes to us through Jesus Christ's death on the Cross for our sins. Because of this dependance on God's Grace, we will have faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Lent is a time of self-examination, repentance, reading of the Word, prayer and self-denial; and falling back onto our faith in Christ. Remember you are saved by Grace through Faith. Lent is a time when we are drawn more closely to God's Grace and Faith in Jesus Christ. We are drawn closer to God by faith in Jesus' death and resurrection and not by our self-denying practices. Therefore, it is what we believe and not what we practice that saves us.

I pray that your Lenten practices become your daily routine through the power of the Holy Spirit and that God will bless you through this entire season of Lent with Grace and Faith,

Mark Hoover



Contribution & Attendance Summary

December 2020

Contributions \$661.00

Average Weekly Attendance: COVID

December 2021

Contributions \$2,233.00

Average Weekly Attendance: 15

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

December 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

INCOME

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Bank Interest | \$0.00 |
| Contributions | |
| General | \$2,185.00 |
| Designated | \$48.00 |
| Special | \$0.00 |
| Other Income | \$4,050.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,283.00 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Pastoral Administration | \$401.00 |
| Worship & Music | \$530.40 |
| Office | \$1,461.07 |
| Custodial & Property | \$1,433.85 |
| Uncategorized | \$270.07 |
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| | \$4,096.39 |

March Birthdays

Stephanie Feather 3/13
 Kelcie Kenney 3/18
 Kristine Muller 3/5
 Elijah Svidergol 3/24
 Kenny Vandevander 3/31



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 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



Mar 1—Hebrews 10:19-25, Psalm 95

Heavenly Father, let us always hold fast to faith in Your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Mar 2—2 Peter 1:2-11, Psalm 90

Heavenly Father, help us practice Your free gift of faith in Christ each day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 3—Philippians 4:1-9, Psalm 26

Dear Jesus, keep our hearts and minds on You, for You alone are worthy. Amen.

Mar 4—1 Corinthians 2:1-10, Psalm 19

Dear Jesus, may our faith rest not in the wisdom of men but in the power of God at work in Your cross. Amen.

Mar 5—Galatians 5:16-25, Psalm 128

Holy Spirit, strengthen our self-control, that we might walk in Your ways each day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 6—Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 36:1-10

Dear Jesus, help us be steadfast in the face of temptation. Amen.

Mar 7—Genesis 6:1-22; 7:1-5, Psalm 130

Lord God, may our godly lives bear witness to Your saving love for all the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 8—1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Psalm 133

Heavenly Father, give us a love for one another in Christ that makes the world take notice. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 9—Colossians 3:12-14, Psalm 25:1-10

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of new life in Christ, and for a love that binds everything in harmony. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 10—Luke 5:27-32, Psalm 32

Jesus, thank You for calling sinners to be Yours. Amen.

Mar 11—Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 73

Dear Jesus, go with us and guide us as we tell our friends all that You have done in our lives. Amen.

Mar 12—Exodus 15:1-21, Psalm 124

"The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him!" (Exodus 15:2). In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 13—John 3:1-17, Psalm 121

Father, thank You for sending Jesus into the world to be our Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 14—2 Corinthians 5:1-10, Psalm 91

Lord Jesus, help us be of good courage as we live each day aiming to give glory to You alone. Amen.

Mar 15—2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Psalm 40:1-10

Heavenly Father, thank You for reconciling us to You through Christ and empowering us to share Your reconciliation with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 16—Mark 7:14-23, Psalm 61

Dear Jesus, may our hearts and lives—set free from sin—reflect Your love. Amen.

Mar 17—Mark 8:27-30, Psalm 52

Jesus, make us bold in our public confession of faith so that others might hear and turn their hearts to You. Amen.

Mar 18—Mark 8:31-33, Psalm 34

Dear Jesus, thank You for suffering and dying and rising victoriously from the grave. Amen.

Mar 19—Mark 8:34-38, Psalm 51:1-12

Dear Jesus, lead us into the world, carrying the cross and sharing a message of Your grace. Amen.

Mar 20—Romans 5:1-5, Psalm 100

Heavenly Father, thank You for making peace with us through Jesus Christ when we could not do it ourselves. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 21—Ephesians 2:11-22, Psalm 16

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us near and making us part of Your family, the Church, by the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 22—Luke 8:40-56, Psalm 13

Dear Jesus, thank You for giving us Your peace in the midst of suffering. Amen.

Mar 23—Hebrews 12:1-3, Psalm 118

Jesus, help us keep our eyes on You as we run with endurance the race that is before us. Amen.

Mar 24—1 Peter 1:3-9, Psalm 42

Father, thank You for a living hope in Christ, our Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 25—Romans 5:6-11, Psalm 98:1-3

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your perfect timing in sending Jesus to be our Savior. In His name. Amen.

Mar 26—Romans 6:1-11, Psalm 63

Heavenly Father, guide us each day as we walk in newness of life, following Jesus Christ our Lord. In His name. Amen.

Mar 27—Ephesians 5:8-14, Psalm 139:1-18

Lord God, help us expose the works of darkness in our lives, turn away, and walk as children of light. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 28—Mark 12:1-12, Psalm 119:73-80

Heavenly Father, help us work for a great harvest of new believers in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mar 29—Mark 12:28-34, Psalm 15:1-5

Dear Jesus, draw us ever closer to You in love for God and our neighbor. Amen.

Mar 30—Mark 12:41-44, Psalm 28

Jesus, may we offer our whole lives to You in grateful thanksgiving for all You've done for us. Amen.

Mar 31—Acts 4:1-22, Psalm 30

Heavenly Father, make us bold to share the Gospel with others. 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 APRIL ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
TUESDAY, MARCH 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

March 13th 12 PM

COVID Guidelines will be in effect!



**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 15, 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.

Worship Guidelines

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



Easter Flowers

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

This Donation is made:

IHO:

IMO:

Choice of Flowers:

☐ Yellow Tulips 5/6 Bulb (\$11) ☐ Red Tulips 5/6 Bulb (\$11)
☐ 8"Daffodils(\$14.50) ☐ Lilies single stem (\$11)
☐ Multi-Color 3 Bulb Hyacinths (\$12)

Amount of Contribution: \$

 Envelope Number:

Please Check One:

☐ Yes, I do want to take the flower(s) home with me.

☐ No, I do not want to take the flower(s) home with me. I would like them to be given to a shut-in or friend of St. James.

Please use the My Offering envelope in your pew to place your order and payment. Check the Flower Fund box on the envelope and place in the offering plate.

Orders must be received by 12 PM March 24, 2022

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