



# *Kirchenblatt May 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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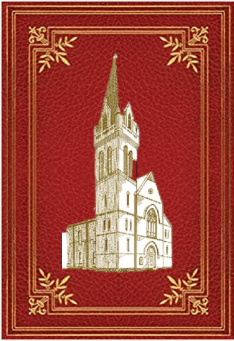
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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



## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK May 2022

Dear Members of Saint James,

As we who are in the midst of the season of Easter and as we are confronted with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the DEAD, I ask the question to all of the Church of Jesus Christ "Is Jesus Christ Alive?" I ask this question because the world has a different view of Easter. The world doesn't see Easter as the celebration of Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the dead, but the world sees Easter as the celebration of Spring with flowers, bunnies and candy. The world sees Jesus and His Resurrection as only as a second thought.

I feel that the world has crept into the Church and made us as Christians to look at Easter as more of a celebration of Spring where we wear pretty clothes, gather as family, give out candy, and go to church to do our duty as Christians. I think that the Church of today sees Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as a construct or an idea that is not based on true evidence, but a thought to make us feel better about life and death. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is seen as an idea or concept that is not based on reality. We have the tendency to think that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is like the Civil War in that we think that this war may have happened, but we are not sure what issues caused the war or what were the outcomes of this great war on society. But Easter is more than a construct or fable that has no relationship to reality, the world, or God. Easter is all about the reality of the physical Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead to give us His Eternal Life in the Kingdom of God in Heaven.

Easter is the season that we celebrate the physical rising of Jesus Christ from the dead. We are reminded that Jesus died in the Cross and after three days, He rose from the dead. On the morning of the third day, the women who came to anoint His body find the tomb empty and the appearance of two angels in white who ask the women why they are looking for the living among the dead. Then Mary Magdalene sees Jesus in the garden near the tomb. Jesus then appears in the midst of the Disciples the evening of the first Easter in His physical glorified body showing them the marks of the nails and the spear wound in His side. Here is a physical resurrected Jesus who can be touched and who eats in front of them. He is not a ghost or spirit, but a physically living man. His resurrection proves to the disciples that he was not crazy, but He was exactly who He said He was the Messiah and the Son of God whom they could believe in and who we can believe in. Jesus' physical resurrection should inspire us to believe that Jesus died for our sins and that through His death we have forgiveness of sins and through His resurrection that we have eternal life with Jesus in His Kingdom of Heaven.

In this Easter season, we are reminded that Jesus Christ was physically raised from the dead and is alive at the right-hand of God the Father in Heaven and that we too have an eternal home with God. All because Jesus died for our sins on the Cross. This gift of God's love for us through Jesus Christ which is more important than any Easter candy. We have the gift of eternal life with a new physical spiritual body in Heaven with Jesus Christ forever.

I pray that you celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in this Easter season and that you are blessed with the assurance of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and your eternal life in Heaven with God.

He has risen. He has risen indeed.

Have a Blessed Easter, Hallelujah!!

*Mark Hoover*



**Contribution & Attendance Summary****February 2021**

Contributions \$1,180

Average Weekly Attendance: COVID

**February 2022**

Contributions \$1,624

Average Weekly Attendance: 14

**INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY****February 1, 2022 - February 28, 2022****INCOME**

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,624.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$10,099.94
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	\$11,723.94

**EXPENSES**

Pastoral Administration	\$276.00
Worship & Music	\$608.26
Office	\$640.71
Custodial & Property	\$11,677.67
Uncategorized	\$137.80
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	\$13,340.44

**May Birthdays**

Donna Foster	5/22
Betsy Manbeck	5/14
Michael Savino	5/29
Andrea Svidergol	5/16
Donna Wilt	5/24
Ethan Wilt	5/1

***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, Bob Hench,  
Donna Wilt, Peggy Thatcher,  
Jane Helmers, Carol Weaver,  
Carolyn Feather

Those serving in our military

***Graystone Manor//Bellmeade***

Robert Civils

***Allegheny Lutheran Home:***

Janet Kauffman

***Homewood***

Sylvia Malsatzki

***In their own homes:***

Deborah Manbeck



May 1—Genesis 1:1-13, Psalm 24

Lord Jesus, thank You for creating the beautiful world we inhabit. Help us build our lives on You as our solid foundation. Amen.

May 2—Genesis 1:14-31, Psalm 139:11-18

Lord God, thank You for knitting us in our mother's womb and giving us life. Guide our lives so that we are healthy and productive as we serve You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 3—Genesis 3:1-13, Psalm 51

Thank You, Jesus, for loving us in our selfishness—all the way to the cross. Help us to live as Your forgiven people. Amen.

May 4—Genesis 6:5-14, Psalm 32

Lord Jesus, forgive us for the sins we know and the ones we don't see. Transform our evil hearts so we love You. Amen.

May 5—Genesis 8:14-21, Psalm 118:14-29

O triune God, we thank You for the mercy You have shown us in the sacrifice of Jesus. On His behalf, hear our unceasing prayers, asking You to care for us in all the trials of our lives. Amen.

May 6—Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 115

Spirit of God, bind us together with the unity of Christ Jesus so that we may give Your name glory, along with all Your people around the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 7—Genesis 3:14-24, Psalm 13

Lord, thank You for Your words of Law and Gospel to show us our sin and comfort us with Your grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 8—Genesis 2:20-24, Psalm 113

Lord Jesus, thank You for the mother who gave me life. Help me to know Your steadfast love, which is greater than any human love. Amen.

May 9—Genesis 15, Psalm 105:1-15

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving us Your body and blood in the Lord's Supper so that we know that You keep Your promise to love us forever. Amen.

May 10—Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 111

Almighty God, thank You for providing for our spiritual needs through Your Son, Jesus. According to Your grace, continue to provide for all of our needs. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 11—Genesis 37:12-28, Psalm 81:1-10

Lord Jesus, we know that You use bad things for the good of Your people. Comfort us in times of trouble with the assurance of Your eternal love for us. Amen.

May 12—Exodus 12:21-28, Psalm 77:1-15

Lord God, we are amazed at the little things in Your Word that help us see You. Guide us by Your Spirit so that we always see Your grace as it is entwined in Your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 13—Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 78:1-24

Lord Jesus, look down on us with all our troubles. Forgive our complaints and help us to look up to You in faith so that we may live. Amen.

May 14—Joshua 3, Psalm 114

Holy Spirit, keep our eyes focused on Jesus so that we know You are with us always. In His name. Amen.

May 15—Joshua 1:1-9, Psalm 46

Lord God, be our refuge and strength. Take away our fears and help us to be strong and courageous as we live as Your people in this world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 16—Ephesians 1:1-12, Psalm 1

Heavenly Father, thank You for the spiritual blessings You have given us through Jesus. Help us to see them and receive them with thanksgiving. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 17—Ephesians 1:13-23, Psalm 143

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Your Spirit so we can be certain of Your gift of eternal life. By Your Word and Sacraments, keep our faith strong. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

May 18—Ephesians 2:1-7, Psalm 130

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your mercy and grace. By Your Spirit, guide us so Your love, mercy, and grace are rich in our lives. Amen.

May 19—Ephesians 2:8-10, Psalm 40

Lord Jesus, thank You for making me what I am by Your grace. Help me to do many good works that honor You with my life. Amen.

May 20—Ephesians 2:11-22, Psalm 67

Lord Jesus, thank You for going to the cross to break down the walls of division that sin built. Unite us to Yourself and to one another so that we might be Your true Church. Amen.

May 21—Luke 7:1-10, Psalm 20

Lord, thank You for all who serve in the military. Protect them and help us to trust You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 22—Ephesians 3:1-13, Psalm 96

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to be the Savior of all people by Your death and resurrection. By Your Spirit, continue to enlighten our souls to Your mysteries. Amen.

May 23—Romans 6:1-11, Psalm 62:1-12

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your gift of Baptism, in which we share Your death and resurrection. Help us to live with Your peace and hope. Amen.

May 24—Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 92:1-15

Lord God Almighty, our human brains and hearts struggle to grasp Your love for us. By Your Spirit, enlighten us so we are filled with the fullness of Your love in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 25—Ephesians 4:1-7, Psalm 133

Heavenly Father, forgive us for the selfish divisions we have brought to Your Church and world. Unite us by Your Spirit so we walk with the grace of Christ. In His name. Amen.

May 26—Ephesians 4:8-16, Psalm 68:18-35

Jesus, as we celebrate Your victorious ascension today, we pray that You would use Your gifts to equip us so that we can serve Your Church and grow to Christian maturity. Amen.

May 27—Ephesians 4:17-32, Psalm 25

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the forgiveness of sins You gave us at Calvary. By Your Spirit, give us the power and the will to forgive others and treat them with kindness. Amen.

May 28—Ephesians 5:1-20, Psalm 98

Father, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us, especially for Your Son, Jesus, and His sacrifice for our salvation. Help us walk in love, praise You, and thank You for all things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 29—Ephesians 5:21—6:9, Psalm 145

Jesus, we thank You for submitting to the will of Your Father and going to the cross for our salvation. By Your Spirit, help us submit to one another out of love. Amen.

May 30—Joshua 4:1-10, Psalm 103

Lord Jesus, today we especially thank You for those who gave their lives for the freedoms of our country. Remind us also of our victory over death by Your resurrection. Amen.

May 31—Ephesians 6:10-24, Psalm 71:1-8

Lord, like Mary, we sometimes need people to strengthen our faith. Use Your Spirit and other people to encourage us to be strong in the Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,**

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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 JUNE ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, FRIDAY, JULY 15.***





## 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  
June 5, 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

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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