



# Kirchenblatt June/July 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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**In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Dave Bowman**  
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**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM-1PM**

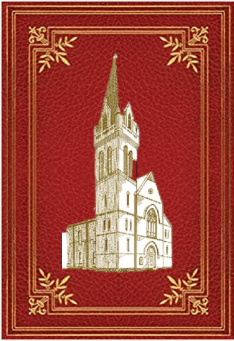
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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



## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK July 2022

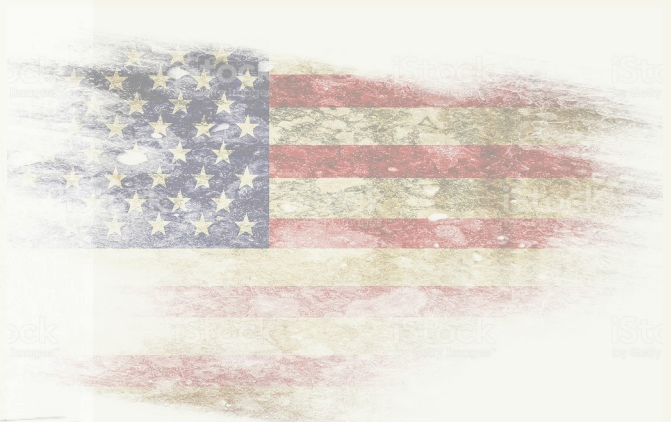
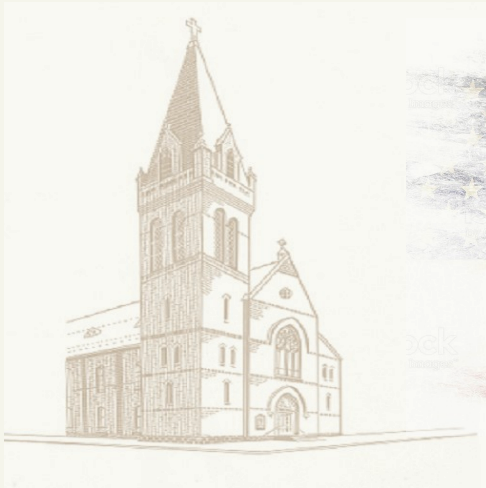
Dear Members of Saint James,

I hope that you are enjoying the wonderful summer this year. I hope that you have been outside enjoying the beautiful weather and taking restful vacations. As we continue to celebrate the events of the summer, especially as we enter this time of the 4th of July, we usually are thinking about our national pride and the freedoms that we have in this wonderful country. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrates our freedom as the United States of America from the British Empire and reinforces the idea that we are free not only as a country and people but also as Christians. As Christians, we are told in Galatians by the Apostle Paul that we are free to do what God calls us to do including to praise God, to love one another as Christians, and to love our neighbors as ourselves through the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us that we are free in the sense that we are freed from our slavery of not only to governments, society, and the world; but freedom from our sins that we have received through Jesus Christ's death on the cross. Paul told us that we are free from the world, from the government, from the law of Moses, and from slavery to whatever enslaves us.

This means that we have freedom as a nation, we have freedom as Christians, and we have freedom from our sins so that we peace with God and can go about doing God's will through the power the Holy Spirit. We don't have to worry about the government or religion infringing upon us. Jesus Christ has died to free us from this world. We then are free to go about to proclaim to our brothers and sisters of Christ and to our neighbors the love and the peace that we have through Jesus Christ's death on the cross. Therefore, we can praise God in this time of summer and enjoy the glory of God's creation as we celebrate this summer season. As we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and enjoy the summer, I ask that you ponder all that we have received including our freedoms through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Have a Blessed 4<sup>th</sup> of July and may God Give You many Blessings.

*Mark Hoover*



*God Bless America!*

**Contribution & Attendance Summary****March 2021**

Contributions \$2,215.75  
Average Weekly Attendance: 15

**March 2022**

Contributions \$1,140.50  
Average Weekly Attendance: 13

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

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$872.00
Designated	\$268.50
Special	\$50.00
Other Income	\$8040.00
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	\$9,230.50

**EXPENSES**

Pastoral Administration	\$0.00
Worship & Music	\$1,069.12
Office	\$1,520.32
Custodial & Property	\$4,946.04
Uncategorized	\$47.00
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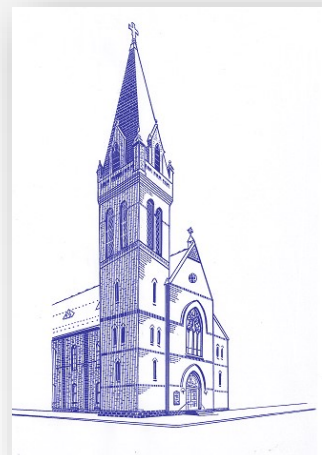
**June Birthdays**

Michael Boston	6/11
Dave Detwiler	6/24
Karen Hench	6/28
John Kessler	6/14
Janet Kauffman	6/16
Robin Kessler	6/24
Sharon Lightner	6/10
Verna Mills	6/6
Nellimae Parsons	6/20
Lynzi Vandevander	6/10
Julia Wilt	6/5
Joe Yanke	6/7



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



**Contribution & Attendance Summary****April 2021**

Contributions \$1,543.25  
Average Weekly Attendance:15

**April 2022**

Contributions \$1,275.00  
Average Weekly Attendance:13

**INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY****April 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022****INCOME**

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,255.00
Designated	\$20.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
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	\$5,275.00

**EXPENSES**

Pastoral Administration	\$677.00
Worship & Music	\$561.62
Office	\$1,135.89
Custodial & Property	\$2,402.91
Uncategorized	\$0.00
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	\$4,777.42

**KIRCHENBLATT****July Birthdays**

Dana Detwiler	7/29
Gary Feather	7/17
Evelyn Holsinger	7/15
Robert Holsinger	7/29
Donna Kauffman	7/12
Shirley Manbeck	7/20
Lori Savino	7/2
Jacob Svidergol	7/20
Lynn Trinks	7/1

**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, Jeff Bickel,  
Donna Wilt, Jane Helmers,  
Carol Weaver, Carolyn Feather

Those serving in our military

**Graystone Manor//Bellmeade**

Robert Civils

**Allegheny Lutheran Home:**

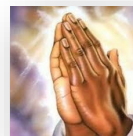
Janet Kauffman

**Homewood**

Sylvia Malsatzki

**In their own homes:**

Deborah Manbeck





Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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Jul 1—Acts 22:12-16, Psalm 69:13-18

Dear Jesus, help me to see Your thoughts and ways in my life today. Amen.

Jul 2—Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 2

Dear Jesus, help me to look back today on Your glorious birth, death, and resurrection. Amen.

Jul 3—Matthew 1:18-23, Psalm 45

Dear Jesus, thank You for the signs You gave through Your prophets. Help me to remember them today. Amen.

Jul 4—Matthew 11:25-30, Psalm 1

Dear Lord, let Your Holy Spirit lift us up with wings like eagles today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jul 5—Luke 4:14-21, Psalm 97

Jesus, thank You for redeeming me, a lost and condemned creature. Amen.

Jul 6—John 19:17-37, Psalm 8

Lord Jesus, let me see that You have won the battle for me. Help me to spread that message to others. Amen.

Jul 7—Luke 10:1-24, Psalm 40

Lord God, thank You for saving us from sin, death, and Satan, and for redeeming us through Jesus' sacrifice. In His name. Amen.

Jul 8—John 14:1-6, Psalm 3

Thank You, Jesus, for saving the world. Help me to share that message today. Amen.

Jul 10—John 4:1-26, Psalm 16

Dear Jesus, help me to share the message of Your redeeming work with people I meet today. Amen.

Jul 11—Mark 1:1-13, Psalm 22:27-31

God, help me to tune out the distractions that get in the way of living for You today. Keep me in Your love and guidance through Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jul 12—Luke 2:21-40, Psalm 68:1-8

Dear Jesus, thank You for being our Savior who was promised long ago. Help me to share that message with others today. Amen.

Jul 13—Ephesians 6:10-19, Psalm 108:1-4

Dear God, please help me today with my fears. Let me know that You are in control and love us. In Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Jul 14—Isaiah 26:1-15, Psalm 20

Dear Jesus, let me see that You give us a peace that passes all understanding today. Let me rest in Your loving arms. Amen.

Jul 15—Mark 16:1-19, Psalm 92

Thank You, Jesus, for Your perfect justice. Help me to rest in the assurance that I am Your redeemed child. Amen.

Jul 16—Matthew 7:24-29, Psalm 27

God, You make strong all those who have faith in You through Your Holy Spirit. Help me to share the precious Gospel message with others today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Jul 17—Revelation 22:17-20, Psalm 19

Jesus, bless me with Your Word today. Plant it deep so I can use it to be strong in You. Amen.

Jul 18—John 15:1-15, Psalm 15

Thank You, Jesus, for being our Redeemer. Help me to let Your light shine through my life today. Amen.

Jul 19—Revelation 21:1-7, Psalm 133

Dear God, let me look forward to coming home to You in heaven. Keep my thoughts away from things that distract me from You. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Jul 20—Joshua 3, Psalm 144

Dear God, thank You for always listening to my prayers. Help me to trust that You are always listening and caring for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jul 21—Hebrews 11:1-16, Psalm 93

O Lord, help me to trust that You are always loving me and caring for me. All blessings come from You. Thank You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jul 22—John 1:1-18, Psalm 114

Dear God, let me see Your light in my life today. Help me to share that light with others. I pray through Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

Jul 23—Mark 13:24-37, Psalm 125

Thank You, God, for Your Word. Let it be planted in my heart and mind today, and let my actions reflect Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jul 24—Matthew 28:16-20, Psalm 138

Dear Jesus, let me see ways to be Your servant to others today. Let me see opportunities to share Your love and Gospel message. Amen.

Jul 25—John 10:1-21, Psalm 25

Dear Jesus, let me take a reality check today. Help me to see that there is no other God but You. Your love is everlasting. Amen.

Jul 26—James 5, Psalm 37:1-7

Lord, let me show others today how You protect us from the fires of sin, death, and Satan. Let Your light shine through me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jul 27—1 Peter 1:1-12, Psalm 103

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your gracious presence with me today. Amen.

Jul 28—Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 23

Loving Shepherd Jesus, let me rest in Your arms today. Let me see that nothing can separate me from You and I am safe in Your care. Amen.



Jul 29—Luke 24:1-12, Psalm 24:1-6

Dear God, thank You for Your vast love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jul 30—Luke 24:36-53, Psalm 24:7-10

Thank You, Jesus, for saving me from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Thank You for Your redeeming work on the cross. Let me rest in that assurance today. Amen.

Jul 31—Luke 24:13-35, Psalm 18:1-6

Thank You, God, for this summer. Thank You for all the blessings so far this year. Please bless the coming month and let Your Word be planted in our hearts and minds. Amen.



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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

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The church office email is [stjamesaltoona@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesaltoona@gmail.com) The church's website is [www.stjamesaltoona.org](http://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 AUGUST ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,  
FRIDAY, JULY 15.***



**The next Potluck Dinner is  
September 18, 2022**



**SWEETS AND TREATS**

**The next Sweets and  
Treats is  
October 2, 2022**



**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**October 9, 2022 12 PM**



# 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.



**2022**



***Our annual Church Picnic was a wonderful success. We had excellent food in abundance, joyous fellowship, a beautiful service all blessed by perfect weather from our Lord.***

***Special thanks to Peggy Thatcher for providing the games and the gifts, Bob and Evelyn Holsinger for organizing and putting everything together, Bob Holsinger, Bill Wilt, and Mike Savino for manning the grill. A wonderful time was had by all!***



Evelyn and Bob Holsinger would like to do a card shower for Bob Holsinger's 90th Birthday. His 90th Birthday is July 29th. We would appreciate any member of the church to send a 90th birthday card to Bob.

The address is:  
6630 Skyview Drive  
North Port FL 34291



We are trying to surprise him and fly down the day before his birthday so if you don't want to send the card, we can take it with us. Thanks so much, Evelyn

***CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE  
FOR OUR FORMER PASTOR JAMES RILL***



**Saturday, August 13, 2022  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
700 Pleasure Road Lancaster, PA**

11:00 am Music and Greetings

11:30 pm Service

Afterwards, we are gathering at Spring House Brewery  
209 Hazel Street in Lancaster – upstairs area.

1:30 to 4:30 pm

PLEASE RSVP no later than July 11th to help us prepare food and drink  
Send to Tere at [CheerTR1@aol.com](mailto:CheerTR1@aol.com) or [tererillpawj@yahoo.com](mailto:tererillpawj@yahoo.com) or  
text 814 880-6544

For those of you who plan to stay overnight in Lancaster. We have secured a  
selection of rooms at The Cork Factory Hotel 480 New Holland Avenue,  
Lancaster, PA.

IMPORTANT...Please **telephone** (email won't get you the discount) at  
717-735-2075 option one – Reservations are under the name RILL. PLEASE  
secure your reservation NO LATER than July 11<sup>th</sup>. Your choice is Friday the  
12th AND/OR Saturday Aug 13th or both.



*Thank  
you*



*The St. James Family would like to offer a  
Heartfelt Thank You to Bob Hench for  
providing the Special Music at our  
Memorial Day Sunday Service honoring  
those that have served our country. Many  
Thanks Bob!*



### **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