



# *Kirchenblatt August 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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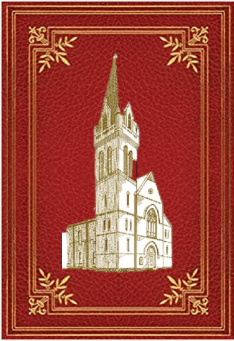
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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



## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK

**August 2022**

Dear Members of Saint James,

I hope that you are enjoying the wonderful summer that we are having this year. As we enter August, we start to look towards the end of the summer, and we feel stressed to get our summer activities in before fall. At this time of the year, everyone is anxious to try to get in their last vacation, camping trip, boating excursion, or other activities. All this end of summer planning is what the world tells us that we need to be about. Remember the world says rest, eat, drink, and be happy (Luke 12: 13-21). The world tells us that we are successful when we have grand vacations, the biggest toys, the most money, the most power and success. The world tells us that these are the things that make us successful in life and is the meaning of "the good life." The Good Life is an abundance of possessions. But success leads to one needing more and more success which means that we need to accumulate more and more toys, more possessions, more money, more power. All of which leaves us even more empty. We forget in all of this busy-ness that we will still die and leave everything to someone else. This results in someone else enjoying what we have accumulated in this life. Those things that we worked so hard to attain become someone else's possession or junk. All of your possessions are sold, someone else spends our money and our power and successes become someone's else power. But God tells us that having the most toys, money, power, success is to be rich in the world and we have treasure in this world, but you can take it with you. Therefore, the world tells us that we will be happy because life is a party.

But God tells us that this is a waste of time. Because when you have all these things even though the world tells us that we are happy, we still feel empty inside. The reality is most rich and successful people are empty, depressed, and sad. Why are most people unhappy, sad, and depressed, it is because they never have enough or have not meet the standards with which the world judges us or tells us that we must have abundant possessions to be rich in this world.

Therefore, the whole experience of life just seems to be empty. The truth is that there is void in our lives that isn't filled by things, power, money, or success; but this void in our lives can only be filled by God. What we are missing in our lives is God. Jesus tells us that life is not about abundance of possessions or having treasure on Earth but being rich toward God.

Being rich towards God is not a set of "do this and don't do that" rules and regulations, or about attending church each and every week, or giving large amounts of money to the church. Being rich toward God is not expensive, it's free. Being rich towards God is, in fact, a free gift given to us by God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What I'm talking about here is grace. The grace that has been given to us because God realized that we could never pay the price or be able to pay the ransom for our own lives because of the sins that we committed. We are bound to die in our sins and be punished for our sins. But Jesus Christ says that there is another way, and that other way is the way of grace that comes to us through the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross for the forgiveness of sins. This is the void that is missing in our lives, Jesus Christ, He is what fills us and makes all the things that the world tells us that we need like possessions, money, power, and success is really noise and means nothing. The world wants us to live an earthly life that is nothing but chasing after the wind. Because those things that the world tells us should be important to us; but when we believe in Jesus Christ, this abundance of possessions mean nothing, and we realize that the world has been lying to us.

As we enter the end of summer, and we are in our busy-ness of life, and we are worrying and threatening about if we are going to get enough things in before the summer ends. Remember, that Christ is with us and that we are Christ's because He bought us. He purchased us with his precious blood and that all the world tells us about the "good life" is a lie. The abundance of life is not an abundance of possessions but being rich toward God. This richness of God comes to us free of cost through the grace that is offered to us through the death and resurrection of God's only Son, Jesus Christ. This is the treasure that is stored up for us in Heaven and we don't have to worry about life. This is the meaning of God's "Good Life" for us in Christ.

Have an Enjoyable Rest of Your Summer and May God Give You Many Blessings,

*Mark Hoover*

**Contribution & Attendance Summary****May 2021**

Contributions \$2,222  
Average Weekly Attendance: 15

**May 2022**

Contributions \$1,560  
Average Weekly Attendance: 12

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

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,560.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,203.00
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	\$5,763.00

**EXPENSES**

Pastoral Administration	\$0.00
Worship & Music	\$874.92
Office	\$1,297.73
Custodial & Property	\$2,176.90
Uncategorized	\$1,747.00
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	\$6,096.55

**August Birthdays**

Douglas Kauffman 8/8  
Sylvia Malsatzki 8/17  
Gigi Manbeck Stahl 8/29  
Sarah Sakoff 8/26

***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, Mark Hoover, 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



Aug 1—John 1:1-5, Psalm 55:9-19

We are grateful, Lord Jesus, that You are eternal, from the beginning to the end, and that You remain among us to grant us courage and peace in the midst of change. Amen.

Aug 2—John 15:7-17, Psalm 36

Almighty Father, make me strong to love even when my circumstances may be loveless. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 3—Mark 16:14-20, Psalm 86

Jesus, bless me to remember that I have been called into Your kingdom to proclaim Your Gospel to all the earth. Amen.

Aug 4—Matthew 16:13-20, Psalm 9:11-20

Heavenly Father, when things are difficult, remind us of Your promise to the Church that You have already won the battle through the blood of Jesus. In His name. Amen.

Aug 5—Matthew 9:32-38, Psalm 6

Thank You, almighty God, for sending us Your Son, Jesus, to demonstrate Your compassion on the cross. In His name. Amen.

Aug 6—John 17:1-11, Psalm 51:7-13

Father, keep us secure in You through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. In His name. Amen.

Aug 7—2 Chronicles 20:14-24, Psalm 22:10-22

Father, thank You that You hear us when we pray and, in Your grace, answer us in mercy to enhance our lives and aid our salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 8—Luke 15:1-10, Psalm 97

Heavenly Father, let there be joy in heaven, angels singing and dancing before Your throne, when we share Jesus with others and they repent and turn to Him. In His name. Amen.

Aug 9—Revelation 5:5-14, Psalm 79:5-13

Thank You, Father, for the grace to live in courage today because we know the Great Conclusion is coming soon to bring us joy and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 10—Mark 1:9-15, Psalm 25:1-10

Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for our arrogance and failure, and renew in us a right spirit that turns to You in adversity and believes in Your sacrifice that saves us from the grasp of the enemy. Amen.

Aug 11—Genesis 1:24-31, Psalm 139:13-24

Thank You, Father, for creating me in Your image and with Your likeness so I can reflect Your glory on earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 12—Proverbs 3:1-8, Psalm 20

Lord Jesus, we are grateful that You are the trustworthy Son of the Father who comes to bless us with the assurance that our God reigns both now and in eternity. Amen.

Aug 13—Zechariah 1:12-17, Psalm 119:49-56

Thank You, Jesus, that You do not leave us in despair but deliver us and sustain us in times of doubt and trouble so that we are more than conquerors through Your love. Amen.

Aug 14—1 Chronicles 16:29-36, Psalm 89:1-8

Jesus, we are grateful that You share the unfailing love of God the Father with us and empower us to further express His grace as we faithfully follow You. Amen.

Aug 15—1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, Psalm 141:1-8

We rejoice, Father, that You attend us as we abound in prayer. Release into our lives that which will assist us and aid in our salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 16—Philippians 4:4-9, Psalm 50:7-15

Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for all the events of our life, Lord, because You use us as witnesses to release Your love and blessing into the lives of others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 17—Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 23

Thank You, Jesus, for the resurrection glory and power You released into our lives that empower us to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" and with peace. Amen.

Aug 18—2 Timothy 2:3-13, Psalm 61

Thank You, heavenly Father, for Your faithfulness in sending Jesus, who releases into our lives the faithful Holy Spirit, who blesses us to be faithful and receive the crown of life as Your children. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 19—Acts 1:3-8 Psalm 145:4-13

Dear Jesus, thank You for giving me courage and using me as Your witness in every situation into which You send me. Amen.

Aug 20—John 13:31-35, Psalm 36:5-10

Lord Jesus, we are Your faithful servants whom You love, and with gratitude, we receive Your command to love both You and one another. Amen.

Aug 21—Matthew 21:12-16, Psalm 34:1-8

Lord Jesus, bless me to come to You with the faith-filled praise of a child but also the maturity of an adult who understands and appreciates the nature of the witness and testimony of full uncensored praise. Amen.

Aug 22—Matthew 6:9-15, Psalm 89:24-39

Thank You, holy God, for being my Father who sent my Brother, Jesus, to rescue me from the wages of sin, hell, and death and grants me access so that You hear my prayers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 23—Matthew 3:13-17, Psalm 72:1-14

We praise and bless You, heavenly Father, for Your acceptance as faithful sons, male and female, who inherit Your approval through the sacrifice of Jesus, Your Son and our Savior. In His name. Amen.

Aug 24—John 12:12-19, Psalm 9:11-16

Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, we thank You for Your saving grace that identifies us as daughters and sons who can confidently call You Father. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 25—1 John 5:1-8, Psalm 119:49-56

Heavenly Father, bless us with the power of Your Holy Spirit so that we desire obedience to Your commandments, not as a burden but rather a joy that delivers grace and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 26—Exodus 15:22-27, Psalm 6

Thank You, almighty Father, for the grace of being the God who sees our need for health in every dimension and grants us healing. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 27—John 10:6-10, Psalm 118:14-21

Jesus, we confess You to be the door through which we can enter and find the celebration here and now as well as in the paradise to come. Amen.

Aug 28—John 12:44-50, Psalm 119:105-112

We are grateful, Lord, to have been called out of darkness to true life in Christ and to also have been called to be light for Christ in a world of need. In His name. Amen.

Aug 29—Luke 20:34-39, Psalm 41:5-12

We praise and bless You, almighty God and Father, that You are victorious over death and the grave through Your Son, Jesus, so we need not remain dead in our sin but are declared alive in Christ. In His holy name. Amen.

Aug 30—Luke 5:27-32, Psalm 85:4-11

Thank You, Father, for the grace and wisdom to open our eyes and turn to You for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Aug 31—Revelation 21:3-7, Psalm 115:12-18

Jesus, we proclaim You to be the only Son of God, who heals and provides. Thank You for abiding with us, forgiving us, and granting us grace and favor as our daily guide. Amen.

*Your Daily Prayer*





# 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 SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,  
MONDAY, AUGUST 15.***





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



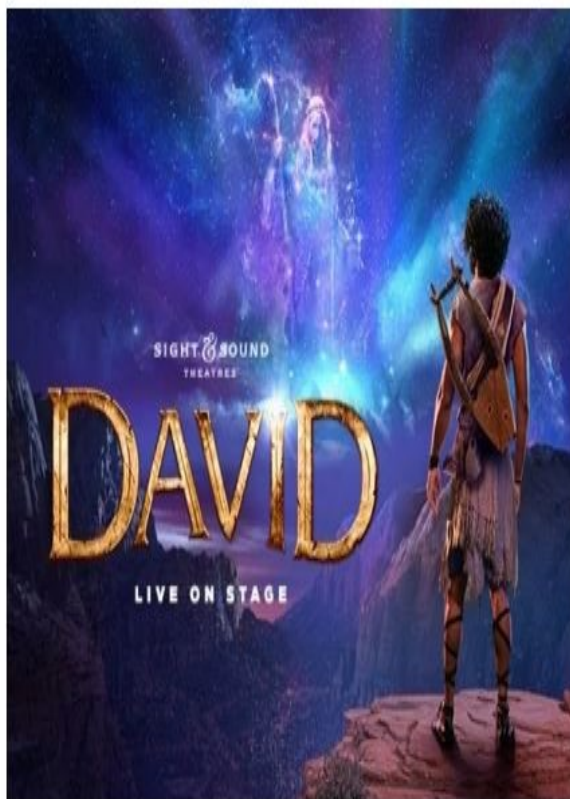
**SWEETS AND TREATS**

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



**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**October 9, 2022 12 PM**



## Sight and Sound Bus Excursion to see *David*!

Join the Lutheran Churches of Blair County for this exciting excursion to see Sight & Sounds live on stage production of *David* on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **Price per individual will be \$155.** *This will include your transportation, your ticket to a 11am show, and a meal at Hershey Farms.*

There will be two locations to which you can arrive for the bus: Lowes Parking Lot in Altoona at 6:30am or Walmart Parking Lot in East Freedom at 6:45am (we will have a sign-up sheet and plan to seat you accordingly by church group). We hope to arrive back within the area sometime around 7:30pm.

*Payments/Reservations can be made at Raystown Transit (1117 Logan Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602 OR 814-944-2585). Deadline for Payments/Reservations is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.*



Donna and Bill Wilt  
are expecting their  
first great grandchild.

Ethan and Ashley Wilt  
are expecting their  
baby girl in  
September.

Congratulations to  
Eric and Julia Wilt on  
their first grandchild.

## Thinking of You

Due to another computer glitch Janet Kauffman's name was left off the birthday list in the June Kirchenblatt. Janet was a valued member of St James for years and she has not been forgotten even if the computer may think so.

It would be extremely appreciated if all of us could please send Janet a "Thinking of You" Card.

Janet's address is:

Hollidaysburg Lutheran Home

916 Hickory Street

Attn: Janet Kauffman

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648





# ***Christian Revival***



**Beechwood Park  
Coalport, PA**

*August 12th 6pm to 9pm*

*August 13th 1pm to 9pm*

Variety of speakers and musical groups

Free Hot Dogs, chips and soda on Saturday

***Featured Performance by  
Final Harvest***

***Saturday August 13th at 7pm***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S LAST CALL FOR HIS FINAL HARVEST





## 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.

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# *Allegheny Chorale* *Christmas Concert*



**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**St. James Lutheran Church**  
**Altoona, PA**  
**3 PM**



## A PRAYER FOR INNER PEACE

*Dear Lord,  
Still my heart's stormy seas,  
Quiet my mind's wild crowds,  
Be the silence  
between my sighs.  
Make me still  
so that I may be  
filled with your peace,  
amazed by your grace,  
and deeply aware  
of your presence  
in my life...  
and in the world.*

AMEN



We hope you'll join us for Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve. Please click the link below for the registration form.

<https://www.alleghenysynod.org/single-post/lutheran-day-at-the-altoona-curve>



# Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve

**Sunday, August 21st**

**Tailgate at the Allegheny Synod Office  
4:00pm**

Hot Dogs and Drinks provided.  
Bring a side to share!  
**Game Begins at 6:00pm**  
Fireworks following the game.

**Tickets - \$7/each**

**Please Register with the Synod Office by Monday, August 15th.**



## 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  
Thrivent Rep.—  
Robin Kessler