



Kirchenblatt September 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

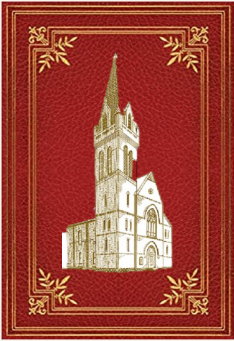
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK September 2022

Dear Members of Saint James,

I hope that you are doing well and are prepared for the upcoming Fall season. The Gospel reading from the last Sunday of August was Luke 14: 7-14. The Gospel tells us that Jesus was invited to the leader of the Pharisees house for a Sabbath dinner. As Jesus watch the other invited guests choose their seats, Jesus told them a parable about a wedding dinner. Jesus told them that when you are at the wedding feast don't think that you are so self-important that you should sit at a place of honor. So that when the host of the wedding feast sees you, they will ask you to move to a lower place of lesser honor and you will be shamed. But you should sit at the place of lowest honor; and when the host sees you, they will ask you to move to a place of higher honor and you will be highly honor by the other guests. Jesus also told the host that they should not just invite their friends, family, and neighbors to their wedding feast because they can return your invite to their parties, but they should invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind because they can't repay you and your reward will be at the resurrection.

Jesus was not just informing the host and feast guests about social etiquette and how we as Christians are to behave in society, but Jesus was talking about the great Wedding of the Lamb at His Second Coming. At the great Wedding Feast of the Lamb, Jesus will be the Host and the Bridegroom of the Wedding Feast. At this Wedding Feast, we who are a part of the resurrection should not think that we are so important that we have a high place of honor in the Kingdom of God. But we are a part of this Kingdom not based on their merits or good works, but because of the grace of God give to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are so unworthy of this gift of Jesus Christ; we should only consider it a gift to be even invited to the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. We are not even worthy to sit at the lowest place of honor in the Kingdom. Therefore, it will be Jesus Himself our host who will give us and determine who sits in the places of honor in the Kingdom of God. On our own merit, we don't deserve to be a part of the Kingdom of God far less to have a place of honor in that Kingdom.

Jesus who is the Host of the Wedding Feast of the Lamb has invited already the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind to the Kingdom of God. Who are these broken people, they are US!! We are the poor in Spirit, the crippled sinful people of this world, the lame because of our heavy burdened of sin, and the spiritually blind. We who are broken because of your sins are the very ones that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ invites to the Wedding Feast through God's Grace. We will enter the Kingdom of God not based on our good works or following the Law, but because of the grace that God has given us through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ who forgave us our sin and invited us into the Kingdom of God. Praise be to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!!

Therefore, we can praise God in these changing seasons and the changing world that we live in and enjoy the glory of God that Jesus has given us in the Kingdom of God.

Have a Blessed Labor Day and may God Give You Many Blessings,

Mark Hoover



Contribution & Attendance Summary

June 2021

Contributions \$1,328
Average Weekly Attendance: 15

June 2022

Contributions \$1,277
Average Weekly Attendance: 10

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

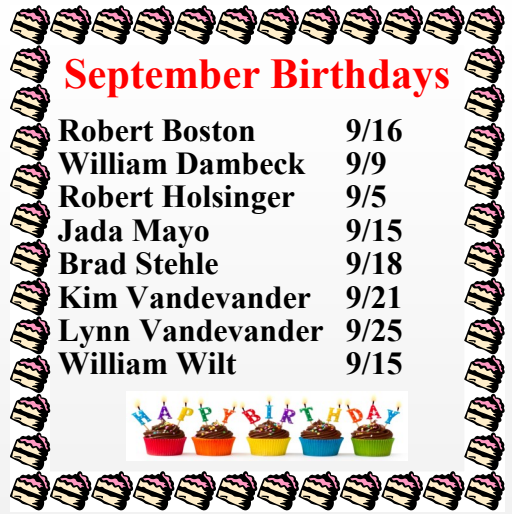
June 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,277.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
	\$5,277.00

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$552.00
Worship & Music	\$561.62
Office	\$1,260.66
Custodial & Property	\$1,794.67
Uncategorized	\$1,429.12
	\$5,598.07



September Birthdays

- Robert Boston** 9/16
- William Dambeck** 9/9
- Robert Holsinger** 9/5
- Jada Mayo** 9/15
- Brad Stehle** 9/18
- Kim Vandevander** 9/21
- Lynn Vandevander** 9/25
- William Wilt** 9/15

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



Sep 1—Isaiah 31, Psalm 147:1-11

Father, there is no one like You who is mighty to save. Thank You for Your fierce strength and tender love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 2—John 2:13-17, Psalm 69:9-28

Father, give us fierce hearts for the things You love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 3—Mark 10:13-16, Psalm 8

Father, You are remarkable! Thank You for loving us so tenderly. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 4—1 Corinthians 3:10-17, Psalm 94:1-15

Father, thank You for being ardent in Your care over us and all the saints. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 5—Hebrews 4, Psalm 103

Father, thank You for Your tender heart toward us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 6—Exodus 3:1-17, Psalm 68:1-10

Father, thank You for drawing close and rescuing us through Christ. In His name. Amen.

Sep 7—Matthew 17:1-7, Psalm 2

Father, give us a proper holy reverence for Your Son that leads us to courageous living. In His holy name. Amen.

Sep 8—Matthew 1:18-25, Psalm 33:1-9

Father, thank You for the gift of Immanuel—God with us. In the name of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Sep 9—2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Psalm 104:1-4, 31-35

Father, thank You for making a way for sinful humanity to be holy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 10—John 14:15-21, Psalm 37:23-31

Father, thank You that we can live out our callings, confident and secure under the seal of the Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 11—Isaiah 53, Psalm 16

Father, thank You for providing both the means and the way of salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 12—Hebrews 9:11-14, Psalm 110

Father, thank You for the priesthood of Jesus Christ on our behalf. In His name. Amen.

Sep 13—Matthew 27:45-54, Psalm 22:1-19

Father, we praise You for the undeserved, matchless sacrifice of Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 14—Romans 8:31-39, Psalm 118:1-9

Jesus, thank You that because of Your work on the cross, we can live free from guilt and shame. Amen.

Sep 15—2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Psalm 32

Father, thank You for reconciling us to Yourself in Christ. In His name and for His sake. Amen.

Sep 16—Deuteronomy 18:15-22, Psalm 119:41-48

Father, thank You for graciously communicating Your heart and will to Your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 17—John 5:30-47, Psalm 119:89-96

Father, thank You that we can trust the words of Christ, Your Son and Prophet. In His name. Amen.

Sep 18—John 1:1-18, Psalm 119:145-152

Father, help us be bold in declaring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. In His name. Amen.

Sep 19—John 6:60-71, Psalm 119:129-136

Lord Jesus, give us ears to hear and faith to accept Your words of life. Amen.

Sep 20—John 3:31-36, Psalm 119:153-160

Father, thank You for the inheritance of eternal life that is ours because of Christ Jesus. In His name. Amen.

Sep 21—Philippians 2:1-11, Psalm 45

Father, thank You for the willing servanthood of Christ, our King. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 22—John 18:33-40, Psalm 97

Father, thank You that we can indeed know and surrender our lives to the truth. Give us the faith to do so today. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 23—John 13:1-17, Psalm 111

Lord Jesus, pattern our hearts after Yours. Give us eyes to see needs and hands ready to meet them. Amen.

Sep 24—Colossians 2:6-15, Psalm 145:1-13

Father, help us gladly surrender our thoughts and agendas to You today, entrusting ourselves to Your guidance. In the name of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Sep 25—Romans 12:9-21, Psalm 118:14-29

Dear Jesus, give us willing hearts that joyfully serve others. Amen.

Sep 26—Isaiah 44:1-8, Psalm 18:31-42

Father, there is none like You! We entrust ourselves to Your care. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 27—Colossians 1:15-23, Psalm 146

Father, open our eyes to the beauty and supremacy of Christ on every page of Your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 28—Colossians 3:1-11, Psalm 98

Father, renew our minds and hearts to know and love You above all else. Empower us to put away what grieves You and put on what glorifies You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 29—Psalm 139, Psalm 91

Father, assure us of Your presence today. Thank You that we can rest secure in Your tender care. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 30—Revelation 22:12-21, Psalm 96

Father, may the cry of our hearts always be "Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus." In His name. Amen.

Your Daily Prayer



Announcements and Upcoming Events

IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Dave Bowman

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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 OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.



POTLUCK DINNER

The next Potluck Dinner is
September 18, 2022

SWEETS



TREATS

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.

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Allegheny Chorale



Christmas Concert

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



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 Lighner
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

Worship & Music

***Mark Hoover**
*Dana Detwiler
*Donna Foster
*Sharon Lightner
*Sylvia Malsatzki
Pat McConnell

By-Laws

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
*Mike Savino

Christian Education/
Social Ministry

***Evelyn Holsinger**
*Sharon Lightner
*Sylvia Malsatzki
*Shirley Manbeck
*Donna Wilt

Finance

***Mark Hoover**
*Betty Boslet
Ralph Grove
*Bill Wilt
*Donna Wilt

Property

***Bill Wilt**
Bill Dambeck
Bob Holsinger
*Evelyn Holsinger
*Shirley Manbeck
Pat McConnell

Stewardship/Evangelism

***Donna Wilt**
*Dana Detwiler

* Denotes Council Member
Thrivent Rep.—
Robin Kessler