



# Kirchenblatt October 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  
Phone: 814-696-0091 Cell: 814-330-8025**

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM-1PM**

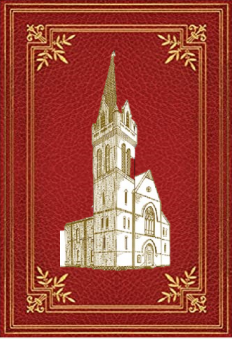
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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



## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK October 2022

Dear Members of Saint James,

I hope that you are doing well and are prepared for the upcoming falling of the colorful leaves from the trees. As we look to the fall season and the coming of Halloween, we must remember that there is a more important holiday than Halloween in the Church which is Reformation. The Reformation occurred on the same day as Halloween, October 31. The Reformation occurred when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Thesis to the door of Wittenberg's All Saint Church in 1517. Luther posted these 95 Thesis on the day before All Saints Day on November 1, one of the most Holy Days in the Church Calendar. Halloween comes from the celebration of All Hallow Eve which is the evening before All Saint Day when it is said that demons and evil spirits walk the earth. We are so immersed into worldly culture and celebrations that we have missed the celebration of a very important anniversary in the Protestant Church. The Reformation was the birth of all Protestant Denominations.

The Reformation is the celebration of Luther's breaking from the Catholic Church where salvation was based on good works to the Reformed Church where salvation is based on the death of Jesus Christ on the cross and our faith in Jesus Christ. Luther realized that we could never perform enough good works to outweigh our sins. So, Luther rediscovered the ancient Church teaching of Jesus Christ that true salvation is based on Jesus Christ's good works and His perfect sacrifice on the cross, Jesus stood in our place and die for our sins and thereby He give to us forgiveness of sins. Luther's idea was revolutionary in the Church and started a new revival in the Church. The Lutheran Church is founded on faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

This year instead of celebrating the society's holiday of Halloween with its ghost, goblins, demons, murders, and witches with all the scariness, evil, and fear; come to Saint James and celebrate the Reformation where we will celebration the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come and hear about forgiveness of sins and eternal life with Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God in Heaven.

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

*Mark Hoover*



**Contribution & Attendance Summary**

**July 2021**

Contributions \$1,445  
Average Weekly Attendance: 10

**June 2022**

Contributions \$1,861  
Average Weekly Attendance: 9

**INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY**

**July 1, 2022 - July 31, 2022**

**INCOME**

Bank Interest	\$0.04
Contributions	
General	\$1,671.00
Designated	\$190.00
Special	\$285.30
Other Income	\$425.82
	\$2,572.16

**EXPENSES**

Pastoral Administration	\$1,503.80
Worship & Music	\$1,354.62
Office	\$1,005.32
Custodial & Property	\$1,396.52
Uncategorized	\$410.48
	\$5,670.74

**October Birthdays**

Justin Eger	10/11
Valerie Feather	10/20
Paulette Frederick	10/12
Robert Green	10/8
Dana Mayo	10/13
Debra Morgan	10/24
David Parsons	10/31
Michael Savino	10/26
Gabrielle Tyler	10/29



*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, Bill Wilt, Mike Savino,  
Carol Weaver, Donna Foster,  
Jean Bickel, Carolyn Feather,  
Bill Dambeck, Judy Dambeck,  
Lori Savino, Bob Civil's Family

Those serving in our military

**Allegheny Lutheran Home:**

Janet Kauffman

**Homewood**

Sylvia Malsatzki

**In their own homes:**

Deborah Manbeck



Oct 1—Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 121

Dear Jesus, help us remember that You are in control and we have no need to worry. Amen.

Oct 2—Matthew 7:7-11, Psalm 66:16-20

Dear God, thank You for always answering our prayers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 3—Matthew 7:13-29, Psalm 78:1-29

Dear Jesus, please keep us away from false teachings. Amen.

Oct 4—Matthew 8:1-17, Psalm 31

Dear Jesus, thank You for being the cure for our sins. Amen.

Oct 5—Matthew 8:23-27, Psalm 91

Dear Jesus, thank You for always being in control of everything in our lives. Amen.

Oct 6—Matthew 9:9-13, Psalm 119:169-176

Dear Jesus, thank You for dying for my sins, for rising victorious over death, and using me to tell this Good News. Amen.

Oct 7—Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 100

Jesus, thank You for conquering sin and death so that we, too, may have eternal life. Amen.

Oct 8—Matthew 10:1-23, Psalm 119:81-96

Holy Spirit, help me stay steadfast in the one true faith, all to God's glory. Amen.

Oct 9—Matthew 10:24-42, Psalm 16

Dear Jesus, thank You for taking care of our every need. Amen.

Oct 10—Psalm 136, Psalm 95:1-7

Jesus, remind me to thank You for everything. Amen.

Oct 11—Matthew 11:25-30, Psalm 145

Thank You, Jesus, for taking my sins away so I can have spiritual rest. Amen.

Oct 12—Matthew 12:1-21, Psalm 118

Holy Spirit, thank You for the gift of faith in the one true God. Amen.

Oct 13—Matthew 12:22-37, Psalm 119:1-16

Jesus, thank You for taking our sins away and enabling us to produce good fruit through faith. Amen.

Oct 14—Matthew 12:38-50, Psalm 8

Dear Jesus, thank You for paying the price to make us Your brothers and sisters. Amen.

Oct 15—Matthew 13:1-23, Psalm 65

Dear Holy Spirit, thank You for creating faith in my heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 16—Matthew 13:24-43, Psalm 18:1-19

Jesus, help us leave the weeding of Your garden to You. Amen.

Oct 17—Matthew 13:44-52, Psalm 73

Dear Jesus, thank You for paying for our sins so we can have eternal life. Amen.

Oct 18—Matthew 14:13-21, Psalm 42

Dear Jesus, thank You for providing for my every need. Amen.

Oct 19—Matthew 14:22-36, Psalm 37:1-20

Dear, Jesus, help me trust that You are always there to help me, no matter what I face. Amen.

Oct 20—Matthew 15:1-20, Psalm 1

Jesus, thank You for dying to save me, because it was impossible for me to save myself. Amen.

Oct 21—Matthew 15:21-39, Psalm 133

Dear Jesus, thank You for providing physical and spiritual food. Amen.

Oct 22—Matthew 16:1-12, Psalm 53

Dear Jesus, help us avoid the yeast of false teaching and always cling to Your truth. Amen.

Oct 23—Matthew 16:13-28, Psalm 32

Dear Jesus, thank You for entrusting us with the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

Oct 24—Matthew 17:1-13, Psalm 84

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for telling us to listen to Jesus and thank You for sending Him to save us. Amen.

Oct 25—Matthew 17:14-23, Psalm 40

Dear Jesus, thank You for moving my mountain of sin and giving me Your forgiveness. Amen.

Oct 26—Matthew 18:1-14, Psalm 27

Jesus, help me have childlike faith that trusts You without question. Amen.

Oct 27—Matthew 18:21-35, Psalm 51

Jesus, remind me of the many times You have forgiven me when I need to forgive others. Amen.

Oct 28—Matthew 19:1-15, Psalm 139:13-16

Dear Jesus, thank You for caring about children. Amen.

Oct 29—Matthew 19:16-30, Psalm 118:1-21

Jesus, thank You for doing what would be impossible for me to do, save me from my sins. Amen.

Oct 30—Matthew 20:1-16, Psalm 73:1-17

Thank You, Jesus, for earning heaven for all believers. Amen.

Oct 31—Romans 3:19-28, Psalm 46

Dear Jesus, thank You for doing the perfect work of our Father so we will spend eternity with You in heaven. 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 NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15.***





POTLUCK DINNER

The next Potluck Dinner is  
October, 30, 2022  
Octoberfest

SWEETS



TREATS

SWEETS AND TREATS

The next Sweets and  
Treats is  
November 6, 2022



NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING

October 9, 2022 12 PM

# WELCA NEWS

## 33rd Annual Convention of the Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

October 22, 2022

8:30 AM

Christ Lutheran Church

206 Walnut Street

Claysburg, PA 16625

**Cost \$15 a person and includes breakfast**

*We will be collecting new and used shoes to donate to those in need!*

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Contact Carol Sauter at 814-242-7028

Or Donna Wilt at 814-942-0379

To Sign Up, or use registration form.



Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

Thirty-third Annual Convention

Christ Lutheran Church, 206 Walnut Street, Claysburg, PA 16625.

Saturday, October 22, 2022 - Registration Begins at 8:30 a.m.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Make copies as needed.)

**ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

Name

\_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Cong. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Check all categories that apply to registrant:

Voting Member  Alt. Voting Member  Guest  Officer  Board  First Time Attendee

**Registration fee \$15.00**

Please send check or money order (payable to Allegheny SWO) to the

Registrar: Donna Wilt  
4701 Lyndale Avenue  
Aitona, PA 16602

Specify any dietary restrictions/special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Menu: Various Egg Casseroles, Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Fruit Cup, Sweet Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Juice

I am willing to serve in worship as:

Reader  Acolyte,  Usher, or  as needed



# *Allegheny Chorale* *Christmas Concert*

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**St. James Lutheran Church**

**Altoona, PA**  
**3 PM**



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## Worship Guidelines



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

### 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



Expressions of sympathy for the passing of his wife may be sent to the Rev. Hans Peter Helmers and family may be sent to 6810 Clubhouse Dr., Apt. K, Harrisburg, PA 17111.



Here is a link to Jane Helmers full obituary. <https://www.busefuneralhome.com/obituary/JaneE-Helmers>

In Memoriam



In memory of Robert G Civils who passed away in his home (Greystone Bellmeade), September 28, 2022 surrounded by family.

*Congratulations to Ethan and Ashley Wilt on the birth of their daughter Rory Jean Wilt, September 24, 2022.*





*October 30, 2022*

**Dinner will be served following the Worship Service.  
Dinner to include Sauerkraut, Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Kneadles  
(German Bread Dumpling) with Gravy, Hot German Potato  
Salad, Hot Dogs & Rolls, applesauce and drinks.**

**We are asking members to bring a side dish, vegetable or dessert.**



***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