



Kirchenblatt November 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

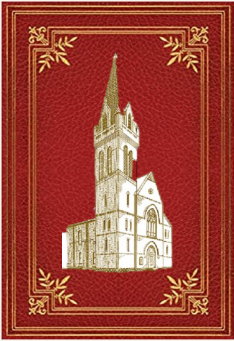
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK November 2022

Dear Members of Saint James,

I hope that you are well and are enjoying the colorful leaves of this Fall Season. As we look to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we must remember that everything in our lives comes from God and is a blessing to us who are undeserving of God's Grace. We are in need to be thankful to God for His many blessings in this Thanksgiving Season.

Instead of watching the world go by with its many wars, crimes, hatred, greed, and other sins; we need to take a step backwards and count the many blessings that we have from God. One of the blessings that God has giving us is the loving congregation of Saint James and our many friends that we have in the church. We have the joy of coming together to worship your Lord Jesus Christ in a warm and beautiful sanctuary with people who share in the knowledge that we have a loving Savior who was willing to die for our sins. We come together to hear the words of Jesus Christ and to listen to what God has done for us. We are so blessed by God with a good life; though sometimes we are in pain, facing a crisis, have financial and relationship problems, or just feel like we are in an emotional funk. We need to be thankful that we have a loving God who shares in our troubles and love us as a Father loves His children. Look around yourself and see the many great things that God has blessed us with and given us to enjoy. We should be thankful for the simple things in life like hearing birds singing in the morning, watching the squirrels the run around collecting nuts for winter, hearing the voice of a friend on the phone, and having the comforting Words of Scripture that we read or hear. Our lives would be so much happier and joyous if we saw the good things that God has given us to enjoy.

In this season of thankfulness, we need to recognize that we have a blessed life in God. God has given us His Son to die on a cross for us so that we can have forgiveness of sins and by Jesus Christ's resurrection we have eternal life with Christ in the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the gift of Grace that we are unworthy to receive from God and we have been given God's Righteousness through the Jesus Christ's death on the cross and his Resurrection.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and may God Give You Many Blessings,

Mark Hoover



Contribution & Attendance Summary	
August 2021	
Contributions \$1,610	
Average Weekly Attendance: 12	
August 2022	
Contributions \$335	
Average Weekly Attendance: 10	

November Birthdays

Susan Boston	11/17
William Green	11/25
Kasey Porter	11/29
Edith Trinks	11/5

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY	
August 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022	
INCOME	
Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$335.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
	\$4,335.00
EXPENSES	
Pastoral Administration	\$552.00
Worship & Music	\$561.62
Office	\$1,066.69
Custodial & Property	\$3,274.79
Uncategorized	\$0.00
	\$5,455.10

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,
 Steve Lightner, Joe Yanke

Those serving in our military

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

Homewood

Sylvia Malsatzki

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck



Nov 1—Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 42

Dear Lord Jesus, You comfort us with the sure hope of the blessed resurrection. Help me in my grief, and enable me to comfort others who suffer in the same way. Amen.

Nov 2—Matthew 21:23-46, Psalm 89:1-8

Lord Jesus, thank You for claiming me in the blessed water of Holy Baptism. Amen.

Nov 3—Matthew 22:1-22, Psalm 97

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for including me in Your everlasting kingdom. We pray for the world, that all may be saved. Amen.

Nov 4—Matthew 22:23-46, Psalm 51:11-19

Oh, Lord, we bless You for the salvation that is ours in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Nov 5—Matthew 23:1-12, Psalm 104:31-35

Dear Savior, let me walk with You and bear my cross every day with patience. Amen.

Nov 6—Matthew 20:27-40, Psalm 19

Lord Jesus, strengthen my faith that I may believe and not doubt that by the merit of Your holy death I attain the resurrection. Amen.

Nov 7—Matthew 24:1-28, Psalm 136

O Lord God, almighty Father, keep me ready for the second coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In His name. Amen.

Nov 8—Matthew 24:29-51, Psalm 123

O Lord Jesus, let me hear You speak words of comfort by Your Word, and by that selfsame Word endure forever with You. Amen.

Nov 9—Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 15

Lord Jesus, how we look forward to Your coming. Help us stay awake and watch. Amen.

Nov 10—Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 36

O Lord Jesus, have mercy on us so that we may believe in You alone for salvation. Amen.

Nov 11—Acts 10:1-4, Psalm 46

Lord Jesus, lead us by Your Gospel message that we may be victorious over any temptation the devil sends. Amen.

Nov 12—Matthew 26:1-19, Psalm 56

Lord God, anoint me also with the fragrant oil of forgiveness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 13—Luke 21:25-28, Psalm 67

Oh, Christ, sustain me in this life and bring me at last to You in heaven. Amen.

Nov 14—Matthew 26:36-56, Psalm 51

O Christ, O Lamb of God, thank You for Your obedience to Your Father. Amen.

Nov 15—Matthew 26:57-75, Psalm 54

Lord God Almighty, keep me in the one true faith forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 16—Matthew 27:1-10, Psalm 65

Lord Jesus Christ, once humble but now exalted, thank You for setting us free.

Amen.

Nov 17—Matthew 27:11-32, Psalm 143

Lord Jesus, how can we thank and praise You enough for Your forgiveness?

Amen.

Nov 18—Matthew 27:33-56, Psalm 86

Lord Jesus, we believe in You in humility, and we will welcome You in power.

Amen.

Nov 19—Matthew 27:57-66, Psalm 139:1-12

I'm but a stranger here, heaven is my home, O Christ. Thank You for the hope of eternal life. Amen.

Nov 20—Luke 23:32-43, Psalm 110

Lord Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. Amen.

Nov 21—Revelation 18, Psalm 63

Oh, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Nov 22—Revelation 19, Psalm 13

O Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let me trust in You at all times. Amen.

Nov 23—Revelation 20, Psalm 96

Lord, keep me from pernicious and evil false doctrine. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 24—Luke 17:11-19, Psalm 116

Lord Jesus, I am a leper in my sin. Have mercy on me, I pray. Amen.

Nov 25—Revelation 21:9-27, Psalm 85

O Lord Jesus, what comfort this gives, that You have written my name in the Book of Life. Amen.

Nov 26—Revelation 22, Psalm 61

Lord Jesus Christ, keep me in the one true faith until that day when I see You as You are. Amen.

Nov 27—Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 24

Hosanna! We sing unto You, O Son of David. Amen.

Nov 28—1 Peter 1:1-12, Psalm 34:1-7

Oh, Lord Jesus, I cling to You in my troubles, trusting Your grace to sustain me.

Amen.

Nov 29—1 Peter 3:18-22, Psalm 33

Keep us faithful to Your Word, O Lord, that when the waters rise, we will be safe with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 30—John 1:35-42, Psalm 50

Lord God, we worship You through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

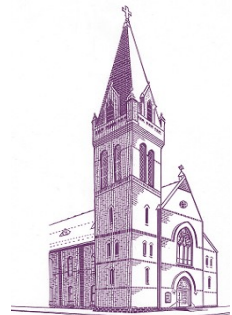
Your Daily Prayer



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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 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 DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

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| BULLETIN DEADLINE | NOV 1 10:30AM |
| SWEETS AND TREATS | NOV 6 10AM |
| BULLETIN DEADLINE | NOV 8 10:30AM |
| CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | NOV 13 12PM |
| BULLETIN DEADLINE | NOV 15 10:30AM |
| KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE | NOV 15 12 PM |
| POTLUCK | NOV 20 12PM |
| BULLETIN DEADLINE | NOV 22 10:30AM |
| POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE | NOV 27 |
| BULLETIN DEADLINE | NOV 29 10:30AM |
| DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS | DEC 3 10 AM |
| ALLEGHENY CHORALE CONCERT | DEC 4 3 PM |
| BULLETIN DEADLINE | DEC 6 10:30AM |
| WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON | DEC 10 12 PM |
| COUNCIL MEETING | DEC 11 12 PM |
| BULLETIN DEADLINE | DEC 13 10:30AM |
| KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE | DEC 15 12 PM |
| BULLETIN DEADLINE | DEC 20 10:30AM |
| CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | DEC 24 7:30 PM |
| NO SERVICES CHRISTMAS DAY | DEC 25 |



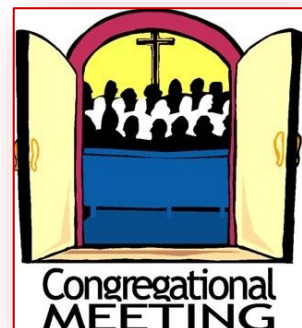
Congregational Meeting



The **Annual Congregational** meeting
will be held:

November 13th

after the service. There will be nominations for council members and then the election for council. The budget will be discussed and then anything else that the congregation may bring to our attention.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

SWEETS



TREATS

**SWEETS AND TREATS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH.**

**OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS
WILL BE
NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

* We are always looking for volunteers to sponsor Sweets and Treats. If you're interested there is a sign up sheet in the Sunday School Room. Your support is appreciated!

**Church
Council**



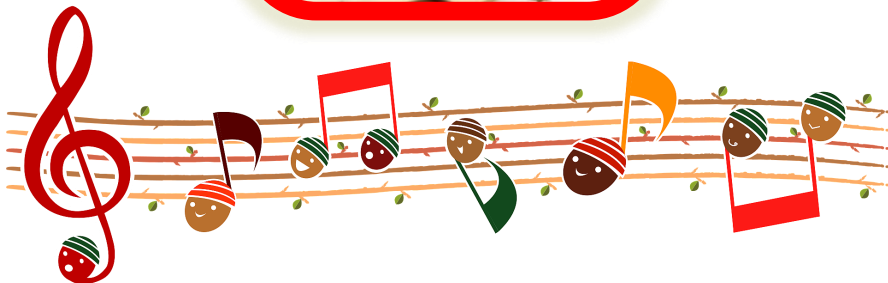
**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING**

December 11th 12 PM

COVID Guidelines will be in effect!

Allegheny Chorale *Christmas Concert*

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



WELCA's Christmas Luncheon *All are invited!*

DATE DECEMBER 10, 2022, **TIME:** 12PM

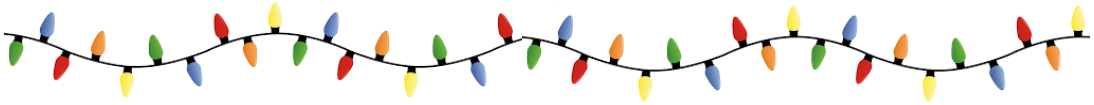
WHERE: Altoona Perkins (Private Party Room)



*Must register no later Dec 3rd by calling the St James church office at 944-6835, or Margaret Thatcher at 814-943-4749

Guest Speaker: Aimee Burns, Executive Director of NAMI

Topic: Holiday Stress



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WELCA CHRISTMAS CHARITY PROJECT

We will be collecting non food items for the **HOPE Drop In Center** (*Health, Opportunity, Purpose, Empowerment*)

Examples of items needed: tissues, toothpaste, hair products, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, etc.

Items can be hung on the tree in the Narthax or placed in the box beside the tree.



**WOMEN
of the**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Worship Guidelines

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



Christmas Poinsettias

Bless our Sanctuary and your home this Christmas with a beautiful red poinsettia! For each \$8.50 you contribute to the St. James Flower Fund, a flower will be placed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and will be available for you to take with you following our Christmas Eve Service. If you would rather donate the flower for a shut-or or friend of St. James, you may indicate that choice on this order form.

Please complete the form and return it to the church. **The deadline for poinsettia orders and payments is Sunday, November 27, 2022.** Thank you for your generosity in this endeavor!

Your Name _____
(as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)

This donation is made:

In Honor of: _____

Or

In Memory of: _____

Amount of Contribution: _____

Number of Christmas Poinsettias: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Please check one:

_____ Yes, I do want to take the poinsettia (s) home with me.

_____ No. I don't want to take the poinsettia (s). I would like them to be given to a shut in or friend of St. James

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