



Kirchenblatt March 2023

(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

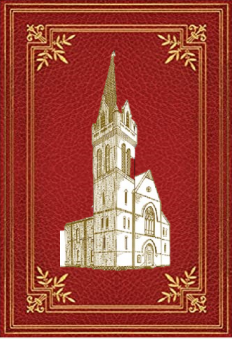
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



Vice Pastor's Report March 2023

Pastor's March Musings

Dear Members of Saint James,

Every once and a while, Pr. Amanda & I will ask each other random questions while we are traveling from place to place. These questions will vary from what breakfast item would you eliminate to something a little deeper. Even though we already know the answer, the question always comes up "what is your favorite season?" Pr. Amanda is a Winter Gal because she enjoys snow and with Christmas being her favorite holiday...you get the idea. As for me, I always enjoy Spring. I prefer the weather to become brighter & more colorful (especially after dark & sometimes gloomy winters). Yes, we may suffer from allergies because of trees & flowers beginning to bloom but I feel it's worth it.

Spring time also signifies a new since of beginning or at least the signs of something anew. On the simple scale, it is a new season but in the deeper sense, it is a renewal for something fresh and different. Sometimes in our own faith journey there is a call for spring time. Over the past few months, I have had assorted conversations with council and other individuals of what would be something renewing at Bethany?

This conversation goes in different directions because it gives the space consider what ministry can resurrect from ages past or maybe we can dream about something fresh and new for us as a community. Examples of these kind of conversations led to our blessing box, outside the 2nd Street entrance, and also our Clothing/Feeding Ministry which finally got off the ground last September. Yes, there continues to be more exciting opportunities we see in how the Spirit is speaking to us because the Spirit of renewal and resurrection is always up to something, my friends.

Hopefully, in due time some of these dreams may come to fruition and I especially invite you into that journey. I also invite you to also dream & to listen where you feel the Spirit is moving you and us as a community of faith. While in some cases, these may seem like far off ideas or might bring a sense of fear and anxiety of what could be. Maybe this is where the Spirit is doing its most work in that stirring and conversation. For it is especially in this season we gather and celebrate the Easter renewal in the Resurrection. Let us join together and see where this renewed life, in our faith, takes us.

Dream on, friends

Pastor Drew

Contribution & Attendance Summary

December 2021

Contributions \$2,233.00
Average Weekly Attendance: 15

December 2022

Contributions \$868.00
Average Weekly Attendance: 14



March Birthdays

Stephanie Feather 3/13
Kelcie Kenney 3/18
Kristine Muller 3/5
Elijah Svidergol 3/24
Kenny Vandevander 3/31



INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

December 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$0.13
Contributions	
General	\$800.00
Designated	\$68.00
Special	\$11.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
	\$4,879.13

EXPENSES

Pastoral Administration	\$125.00
Worship & Music	\$910.62
Office	\$1,334.03
Custodial & Property	\$2,567.68
Uncategorized	-\$82.39
	\$4,854.94

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.)

Tim Surkovich, Debbie Thomas,
Jeff Bickel, Steve Lightner,
Staff Sgt John Hiles, Donna Foster,
Jean Bickel, Donna Wilt, Bill Wilt,
Carolyn Feather, Bill Dambeck,
Judy Dambeck

Those serving in our military

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

Homewood

Sylvia Malsatzki

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck



Mar 1—Joshua 1:1-9, Psalm 27

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff
my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Amen. (LSB 709:4)

Mar 2—1 Peter 3:13-22, Psalm 103

All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess
my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be! Let nothing that I am or own Serve any
will but Yours alone. Amen. (LSB 590:4)

Mar 3—Philippians 4:4-7, Psalm 5

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to
carry Everything to God in prayer! Amen. (LSB 770:1)

Mar 4—Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 105:1-10

Lord, give us such a faith as this; And then, whatever may come, We'll taste even
now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home. Amen. (TLH 396:6)

Mar 5—Romans 5:1-11, Psalm 32

How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought! But when I see
Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought. Amen. (LSB 524:5)

Mar 6—Job 36:24-37:14, Psalm 29

Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by
crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should
be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee. Amen. (LSB
420:6)

Mar 7—1 Chronicles 21:1-8, Psalm 91

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall. I am trusting Thee forever And for
all. Amen. (LSB 729:6)

Mar 8—Proverbs 22:1-16, Psalm 34

Gracious Head, Your member own; Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it; Prince
of Peace, make here Your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it; Precious Vine, let nothing
sever From Your side this branch forever. Amen. (LSB 592:4)

Mar 9—1 Chronicles 16:4, 7-36, Psalm 117

Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling; That I do what I should While trusting You to bless The outcome
for my good, For You must give success. Amen. (LSB 696:2)

Mar 10—2 Corinthians 2:14-17, Psalm 115

Thus, Lord Jesus, every task Be to You commended; May Your will be done, I
ask, Until life is ended. Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor; Grant that it
may well be done To Your praise forever. Amen. (LSB 869:5)



Mar 11—1 Kings 17, Psalm 81

Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord; Let me forsake Thee never
Nor wander from Thy Word. Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness, And for
such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless. Amen. (LSB 689:1)

Mar 12—Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalm 33

O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication; O Savior, Son of God, Accept
my adoration; O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide That I may serve You here And there
with You abide. Amen. (LSB 703:5)

Mar 13—Exodus 16:2-21, Psalm 143

My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place And with Yourself have
fed me The treasures of Your grace; For You have freely given What earth could never
buy, The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die. Amen. (LSB 642:2)

Mar 14—Matthew 15:1-20, Psalm 73

On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace, That life's riches,
cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase; Let the clear inscription be: Jesus,
crucified for me, Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation! Amen. (LSB
422)

Mar 15—Proverbs 3:1-12, Psalm 25

Make me to walk in Thy commands—'Tis a delightful road— Nor let my head or
heart or hands Offend against my God. Amen. (LSB 707:4)

Mar 16—Job 1, Psalm 38

O God, forsake me not! Take not Your Spirit from me; Do not permit the might Of
sin to overcome me. Increase my feeble faith, Which You alone have wrought. O be my
strength and power—O God, forsake me not! Amen. (LSB 731:2)

Mar 17—2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 22

May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us; And may the
brightness of His face To life eternal guide us, That we His saving health may know, His
gracious will and pleasure, And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them. Amen. (LSB 823:1)

Mar 18—John 5:1-11, Psalm 31

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak,
but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more. Amen. (LSB 918:1)

Mar 19—Ephesians 5:8-14, Psalm 43

Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine; Chase the shades of night
away, Turn the darkness into day. Amen. (LSB 496:1)

Mar 20—Hebrews 4:14-16, Psalm 84

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things
unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee
lean. Amen. (LSB 631:1)

Mar 21—Luke 15:11-32, Psalm 116

O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die. Amen. (LSB 611:5)

Mar 22—Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 18:16-24

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years; Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come. Amen. (LSB 560:2)

Mar 23—Hebrews 10:1-14, Psalm 110

Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom. Amen. (LSB 555:6)

Mar 24—John 2:1-11, Psalm 104:14-35

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest; Manifest in power divine, Changing water into wine; Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest. Amen. (LSB 394:2)

Mar 25—Luke 1:26-38, Psalm 40

Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way. Amen. (LSB 732:5)

Mar 26—John 8:46-59, Psalm 17

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not. Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught? No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain. Amen. (LSB 566:1)

Mar 27—2 Samuel 22:1-4, Psalm 6

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend! Amen. (LSB 430:7)

Mar 28—Matthew 13:1-9, Psalm 1

Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground; Now let the dew of heaven descend And righteous fruits abound. Amen. (LSB 577:1)

Mar 29—Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 119:1-8, 113-120

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You; May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side, Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified. Amen. (LSB 423:3)



Mar 30—John 4:5-30, Psalm 63

May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our sin and woe Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, holy Jesus. Amen. (LSB 447:15)

Mar 31—Mark 9:38-50, Psalm 85

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure Throughout all generations. Amen. (LSB 582)

Your Daily Prayer

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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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 APRIL ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15.***



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

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| LENTEN SERIES @ BETHANY | MAR 1 7 PM |
| SWEETS AND TREATS | MAR 5 10 AM |
| LENTEN SERIES @ BETHANY | MAR 8 7 PM |
| POTLUCK | MAR 12 12 PM |
| LENTEN CONCERT @ BETHANY | MAR 12 2 PM |
| KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE | MAR 15 12 PM |
| LENTEN SERIES @ BETHANY | MAR 15 7 PM |
| COUNCIL MEETING | MAR 19 12 PM |
| EASTER FLOWER ORDER DEADLINE | MAR 19 12 PM |
| LENTEN SERIES @ BETHANY | MAR 22 7 PM |
| LENTEN SERIES @ BETHANY | MAR 29 7 PM |
| LENTEN SERIES @ BETHANY | APR 5 7 PM |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE | APR 6 7PM |
| GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE | APR 7 2 PM |
| ALLEGHENY CHORALE CONCERT | APR 30 3 PM |



WHAT'S HAPPENING!!



NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 19, 2023

SWEETS



TREATS

SWEETS AND TREATS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS
WILL BE

March 5, 2023

Provided by Jean Bickel

* 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!



POTLUCK DINNER

The next Potluck Dinner is

March 12, 2023



Bible Study News

As we continue our journey of faith, we continue with diving deeper into our faith through our two bible study opportunities as we join with our friends at Bethany Lutheran.

Faith on Tap (1st & 3rd Tuesday at Marzoni's in Greenwood, 6pm): Faith on Tap is a series in which we gather for a time of fellowship, food, and time of diving deeper into our faith. These series can range from specific series in the Bible to a book study. Our group will be returning on February 7th with a BRAND NEW STUDY as we will begin a series on Love. In Ancient Greek, love expands into 4 different categories with their own meaning. For the months of February and March, we will dive deeper into these 4 loves and how they may help us express the gift of love for those around us. See you at Marzoni's!



Allegheny Chorale



Spring Concert

St James Lutheran Church

Sunday April 30th

3 PM



The Contemporary Christian Trio 3 Four One, known for its angelic harmonies, will present a Freewill Offering Lenten Concert on Sunday March 12 at Bethany Lutheran at 2 PM. To help you on your Lenten journey come and be inspired through the Lenten music performed in a way only 3 Four One can. You'll hear familiar Lenten music and some of 3 Four One's original music. 3 Four One will also provide the music for the 9 AM Worship Service.



Lenten Concert



March 12, 2023
2:00 PM

**Bethany
Lutheran Church
Altoona, PA**



Freewill Offering



Lenten Series: For By Faith

What is faith? As we read from Hebrews 11, we understand it this way, “*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.*”

During this Lenten series, we will share in the journey of faith from various figures in the Bible while also considering our own journey of faith. Our friends at Bethany Lutheran are inviting us to join in this dinner church style worship where we will share in a meal, have discussions, and consider our own journey of faith as we move towards the cross. These events will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in Bethany’s basement. You are welcome to park in the parking lot (at the corner of 2nd St & 4th Ave) and then enter through the basement door to the fellowship hall.

For those who will be unable to join us physically, due to whatever reason, you are invited join via Bethany’s Youtube channel (search Bethany Lutheran-Altoona in the search bar) where there will be a reflection from Pastor Drew, along with some reflection questions at 7pm. As we begin this Lenten journey may we feel the presence of Christ as we gather near the cross.

Easter Flowers

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

This Donation is made:

IHO: _____

IMO: _____

Choice of Flowers:

- Yellow Tulips 5/6 Bulb (\$12) Red Tulips 5/6 Bulb (\$12)
- 8" Daffodils (\$15) Lilies single stem (\$12)
- Multi-Color 3 Bulb Hyacinths (\$14)

Amount of Contribution: \$ _____ Envelope Number: _____

Please Check One:

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

No, I do not want to take the flower(s) home with me. I would like them to be given to a shut-in or friend of St. James.

Please use the My Offering envelope in your pew to place your order and payment. Check the Flower Fund box on the envelope and place in the offering plate.

Orders must be received by 12 PM March 19, 2023

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

*Vice Pastor— Pastor Drew McCaffery
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

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

Stewardship/Evangelism

- ***Donna Wilt**
- *Dana Detwiler
- *Sharon Lightner

* Denotes Council Member
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Robin Kessler