



# Kirchenblatt June 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**

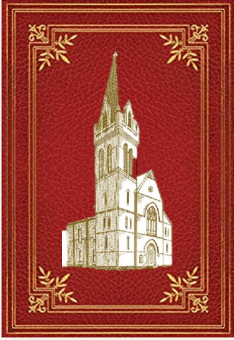
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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



## Vice Pastor's Report June 2023

### **Pastor's June Musings**

It is hard to imagine how we are already halfway through with the year. It only seems like yesterday when we started the new year. I will say though that Summer is one of my favorite seasons due to all the variety of activities we can participate in: being out on a porch, going to Curve Ballgames, visit the assorted trails, and grilling out. There is just something extra special about these upcoming months which just feels wonderful. While last musing, I mentioned how summer was starting to pick up, schedule-wise, for myself & Pastor Amanda, it is ironically a calmer summer than previous years. I am sure some things will happen along the way but we want to take extra time, this year, to enjoy summer.

I wonder how often we take a moment to enjoy what is around us. Whether it is the weather, time with friends & family, or just opportunity to dive deeper into this relationship of faith. By now, we have celebrated Pentecost Sunday, where we spoke to how the Spirit is an individual of mystery but also possibilities. So we will be celebrating the Mystery of the Trinity (June 4<sup>th</sup>) and enter into a llllloooooonnnngggg green season. Yet, I raise up this challenge as we are celebrating and engaging with the Spirit in this warmer season of life. Be attentive to where the Spirit is moving and inviting you.

Maybe the Spirit is nudging you to try something new or engage in your faith differently than before. When we engage with the Spirit and listen, the Spirit can do some miraculous things within the Church.

So let us relax, enjoy the warm weather, and engage in how the Spirit is calling us forward as the Church.

*Pr Drew*



**Contribution & Attendance Summary**

**March 2022**

Contributions \$1,140.50  
Average Weekly Attendance: 13

**March 2023**

Contributions \$1,075.00  
Average Weekly Attendance: 13

**INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY**

**March 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023**

**INCOME**

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$810.00
Designated	\$265.00
Special	\$200.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
	\$5,275.00

**EXPENSES**

Pastoral Administration	\$882.86
Worship & Music	\$613.06
Office	\$1,833.40
Custodial & Property	\$4,210.37
Uncategorized	\$1,865.13
	\$9,404.82

**June Birthdays**

	<b>Michael Boston</b>	6/11
	<b>Dave Detwiler</b>	6/24
	<b>Karen Hench</b>	6/28
	<b>Janet Kauffman</b>	6/16
	<b>John Kessler</b>	6/14
	<b>Robin Kessler</b>	6/24
	<b>Sharon Lightner</b>	6/10
	<b>Verna Mills</b>	6/6
	<b>Nellimae Parsons</b>	6/20
	<b>Lynzi Vandevander</b>	6/10
	<b>Julia Wilt</b>	6/5

*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, Bill Wilt, Staff Sgt John Hiles  
Donna Foster, Jean Bickel, Donna 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

Jun 1—1 Corinthians 8:5-6, Psalm 73:25-26

Dear Father, keep reminding me that I exist because of You, I'm cared for in every way because of You, and I'm saved in Christ because of You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 2—Exodus 3:13-15, Psalm 139:1-4

Dear God, all of Your power and weight is in Your Son, Jesus. In all of my days, keep me following Jesus until I'm home in the glory of heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 3—Romans 1:22-23, Psalm 22:27-31

Lord, make me wise for salvation, for I know from this wisdom only good will flow into my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 4—2 Corinthians 13:11-14, Psalm 19:1-6

Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by Your love, grace, and fellowship, let us always know that the Church is fully blessed to do Your good will. Amen.

Jun 5—Ecclesiastes 11:1-6, Psalm 65:5-8

Lord, I surely do not know how You are working all things out, so keep always building my trust that You are keeping me safe and secure in all things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 6—Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 33:6-9

Lord, keep helping me, so I can do all things in Christ to the point of living holy in Your image that You created me to be. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 7—Ephesians 6:10-12, Psalm 103:20-21

Jesus, by Your defeat of Satan, help me to keep living free from all that wants to harm me. Amen.

Jun 8—Matthew 18:10-14, Psalm 91:9-12

Dear Father, when life gets hard, let me know how You have sent an angel to watch over me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 9—Jeremiah 23:23-24, Psalm 147:8-9

Dear Lord, I'm comforted that You will find me wherever I am. Keep finding me in all of my places in life as my loving and caring God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 10—Genesis 3:17-19, Psalm 104:14-15

Lord Jesus, keep letting me know how dust does not have the final word and how one day, I will be with You forever. Amen.

Jun 11—Romans 8:18-25, Psalm 121

Lord, life is, at times, hard. Help me to have hope that it won't always be like this. Let the Holy Spirit be the driver in my life, taking me to the good that Jesus has for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 12—Romans 5:3-5, Psalm 136:4-9

Jesus, help me to know that I can rejoice in my suffering, knowing that it is building me up to be a stronger person of faith in all that You have done for me. Amen.

Jun 13—Acts 14:16-17, Psalm 95:1-3

Dear Lord, although we do not always turn to You, keep us, despite our sin, in Your constant care as our gracious God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 14—Habakkuk 3:17-19, Psalm 40:1-5

Lord, as I go through hard times, let me always know the good thoughts that come with the joy of knowing that I have salvation in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 15—Colossians 1:16-17, Psalm 95:6-11

Lord, it's just when I'm falling apart that You need to guide me to church, where You bring it all together. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 16—1 Timothy 2:5-6, Psalm 22:22-26

Dear God, I praise Christ Jesus for what He did as a mediator so I can be standing before You at this moment, receiving Your blessings of love and care in all things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 17—Hebrews 4:14-16, Psalm 2

Jesus, You know me better than I know me, and that means You know my every need. Please fill me with the care and mercy I need. Amen.

Jun 18—Romans 5:12-21, Psalm 15

Lord Jesus, as we honor dads today, hold my hand and keep me close so I can be a good model of a life of faith to everyone around me. Amen.

Jun 19—1 John 3:1-10, Psalm 51:1-6

Jesus, I know the devil wants me to practice his bad ways, but I'm born again in Your name to practice Your good ways. Help me make my practice perfect, especially in my works of love. Amen.

Jun 20—1 Corinthians 15:4-8, Psalm 51:7-9

Lord, the news of Your resurrection spread quickly on that first Easter Day. I pray that Your news of life now and for eternity will always be in the news of the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 21—Philippians 2:1-11, Psalm 51:10-19

Dear Lord Jesus, may I have Your mindset of humility and boldness so I can be confident in my salvation and bring Your saving message to others. Amen.

Jun 22—Hebrews 1, Psalm 47

Dear Jesus, remind me always how my life can go well again because You made me pure by Your dying and rising. Amen.

Jun 23—Hebrews 9:11-18, Psalm 26

Jesus, help me wait in joyful expectation for Your final work that will make all things perfectly new again. Amen.

Jun 24—John 1:6-8, Psalm 26:5-7

Dear Lord Jesus, John prepared the way for Your coming, but he also lived a life of faith. Help me in my days to live out my life like John's example of faith. Amen.

Jun 25—Colossians 2:6-15, Psalm 26:8-12

Lord, You created a world that is an exciting place with so much to do, but let it never take me away from my faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 26—John 14:16-17, Psalm 49:1-11

Lord, give me confidence that the Holy Spirit is always with me to help in the battles of life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 27—1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Psalm 61:1-5

Jesus, guide me always to look to You and only to You as the Savior and Lord of my life. Amen.

Jun 28—Ephesians 1:3-14, Psalm 61:6-8

Dear Father, in whatever comes my way, keep me knowing that You have sealed me up tight by the Holy Spirit in Your love and grace in Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jun 29—Colossians 3:12-17, Psalm 6

Lord Jesus, help me always to do everything in Your name. Amen.

Jun 30—Galatians 5:4-5, Psalm 12

Lord, I know I fall into sin, but let me always then fall into Your grace in Christ that forgives my sin. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Your Daily Prayer*



  
**pray**  
EVERY DAY





# 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 JULY ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS, THURSDAY, 15.***





**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

<b>SWEETS AND TREATS</b>	<b>JUN 4 10:30AM</b>
<b>BIBLE STUDY @ BETHANY</b>	<b>JUN 6 1 PM</b>
<b>SUMMER PICNIC WORSHIP</b>	<b>JUN 11 10 AM</b>
<b>KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE</b>	<b>JUN 15 12 PM</b>
<b>RESERVATION DEADLINE WELCA LUNCHEON</b>	<b>JUN 17</b>
<b>BIBLE STUDY @ BETHANY</b>	<b>JUN 20 1 PM</b>
<b>WELCA LUNCHEON (Corrected Date)</b>	<b>JUN 24</b>
<b>CHURCH PICNIC</b>	<b>JUN 25 11 AM</b>
<b>SUMMER PICNIC WORSHIP</b>	<b>JUL 9 10 AM</b>
<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>JUL 16 12 PM</b>
<b>BIBLE STUDY @ BETHANY</b>	<b>JUL 18 1 PM</b>
<b>SUMMER PICNIC WORSHIP</b>	<b>AUG 13 10 AM</b>



*The Mother's of St. James greatly appreciates the beautiful flowers provided by WELCA of St. James for Mother's Day!*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!!



## NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2023

**SWEETS**



**TREATS**

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

OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS  
WILL BE

June 4, 2023

Provided by Diane Shultz

\* 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

## Potluck will start again in September



## Bible Study Update

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Studies:** Wednesday Bible Study group will be returning on May 3rd at 1pm in the Basement Fellowship Hall, at Bethany, as we begin a brand new series with the Gospel of John. A lot of excitement is buzzing for what we will encounter through John's story. Some dates we will not be meeting during the summer because Pastor Drew will be gone for various points due to other commitments but this will not hinder our experience. Hope to see there!

**Faith on Tap:** We continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month as we will be reading Kate Bowler's book, *Everything Happens for a Reason*. This book will shed light on Dr. Bowler's experience as she is diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and how she wrestles with the typical language, we as Christians, use when individuals go through difficult situations. Below is the schedule for the upcoming months:

<u>June Months</u>	<u>July Months</u>
<p><b>June 6th:</b> <i>Object Lessons &amp; Magic Tricks</i></p> <p><b>June 20th:</b> <i>Seasons &amp; Surrender</i></p>	<p><b>July 4th:</b> NO STUDY-PASTOR AWAY</p> <p><b>July 18th:</b> <i>Christmas Cheer &amp; Certainty</i></p>

## **CHURCH PICNIC**

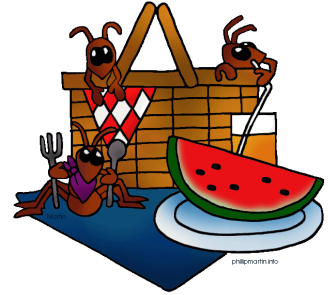
Planning for the church picnic has begun. You can use the sign up sheet on the stand in the narthex or on the foyer bulletin board. Or use the sheet on the next page.

Church Picnic will be held June 25, 2023 at Highland Park, Pavilion #1



## Summer Picnic Worship!

With summer upon us, we figured we would enjoy the weather and outdoors as part of worship. Traditional, Bethany has held Picnic Worship during the summer months and is inviting St. James to join them as well. \*We will still be having our traditional Picnic in Late June, so further information will be coming. We will be gathering at Highland Park for these Outdoor Picnic Worship once a month during the summer at 10am as a combined service between Bethany & St. James. Those dates are June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, and August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have an abridged communion worship service and will then enjoy the picnic festivities. Bethany will provide the main dish for the picnics. We are asking for individuals to bring a side and/or a dessert to be shared with those in attendance. We also ask for you to provide your own appropriate beverage. We are also planning to have some form of entertainment once our worship service has concluded. If something changes with these picnics, we will keep you in the loop.



**See you on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Highland Park!**





# WELCA NEWS

We are planning our summer luncheon at The Spruce Creek Tavern and a trip to Martins Farm Market in Spruce Creek on June 24th (Saturday, Corrected Date). This is a treat from WELCA. Everyone in the congregation is invited. Call Peggy Thatcher 814-943-4749 or Donna Wilt 814-942-0379 for your reservations. Please come and joy us on this summer day.



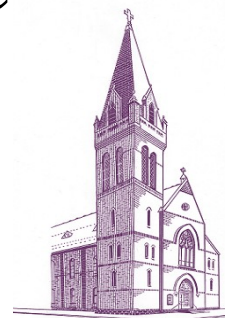
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# Church Picnic

June 25, 2023  
 Highland Park, Pavilion #1

11:00 AM Communion Worship Service

12:00 PM Meal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan to attend # \_\_\_\_\_

Plan to bring # \_\_\_\_\_

I can help. Sign me up to do:

Shopping \_\_\_\_\_

Set up the day of the picnic \_\_\_\_\_

Transporting Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Cooking/Grilling \_\_\_\_\_

Clean Up \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper Plates, utensils and drinks will be provided.**



**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
- \*Mike Savino

**Stewardship/Evangelism**

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

\* Denotes Council Member  
Thrivent Rep.—  
Robin Kessler