



Kirchenblatt August 2024

(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
Phone: Cell:**

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM-1PM

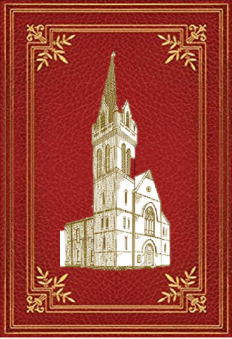
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK August 2024

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we move into the month of August, we start to transition from summer into the fall. As we look forward to moving from summer picnics, vacations, and outside summer activities; we look forward to Fall classes and the Steeler football season.

We, too, at Saint James will be going through transition, as we see the departure of Pastor Drew from Bethany Lutheran and St. James. St. James will be seeing a movement from a constant very Sunday supply pastor to a weekly supply pastor. We wish Pastor Drew an easy transition to his new position as pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Bel Air, Maryland. We pray that God continues to bless the ministry of Pastor Drew. We also remember that we are a congregation and that the pastor or a building is not the Church, but the Church is its people. We at Saint James are a family of people who come together every Sunday to worship Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

We at Saint James will be transitioning from a transitional pastor to supply pastors. We will further be blessed by having the return of Pastor Scott Custead as a supply pastor for at least one or two Sundays per month.

The Saint James family will continue to worship our Lord Jesus Christ each and every Sunday, as we go through this period of transition. We are thankful for the presence of Pastor Scott and the other pastors and lay ministry people who will lead our worship every Sunday. Remember August 25th, 2024 as we will be at Highland Park worshipping and having a picnic with Bethany Lutheran Church at 10 AM.

As we go through this transition as a congregation, please remember that Christ is always our center and that He is always leading us and directing us to where we are to be in his great plan for our ministry. May God bless Saint James and all of its people.

Yours in Christ,

Mark Hoover

President of Saint James Lutheran Church



<p>Contribution & Attendance Summary</p> <p>May 2023</p> <p>Contributions \$120 Average Weekly Attendance:10</p> <p>May 2024</p> <p>Contributions \$ Average Weekly Attendance:10</p>
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August Birthdays

Douglas Kauffman 8/8
Sylvia Malsatzki 8/17



INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY	
May 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	
INCOME	
Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$1,622.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$562.95
Other Income	\$4,000.00
	\$6,184.95
EXPENSES	
Pastoral Administration	\$0.00
Worship & Music	\$596.34
Office	\$3,154.61
Custodial & Property	\$1,884.98
Uncategorized	\$20.00
	\$10,617.93

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, Donna Wilt, Bill Dambeck
Carolyn Feather, Judy Dambeck,
Family of Janet Kauffman,
Family of Jean Bickel
Those serving in our military

Homewood

Sylvia Malsatzki

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck



Aug 1—Galatians 1:1-9, Psalm 118:19-29

O God, turn us from all other so-called gospels so that we always and only believe in Jesus Christ, Your Son. In His name we pray. Amen.

Aug 2—Isaiah 54:9-13, Psalm 85

O Lord, we need Your reminder every day that Your love is forever, and Your forgiveness is true. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Aug 3—2 Kings 4:1-7, Psalm 112

O Lord, come and repeat Your promise of providence into our fearful hearts, that we may be filled with confident faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Aug 4—2 Kings 19:14-20, 29-34, Psalm 119:65-80

O God, teach us by life's adversities to humble ourselves before You and seek You daily in humble prayer. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Aug 5—Luke 12:13-22, Psalm 37:1-18

Lord Jesus, how blind we are to think our bank account is a measure of our life or a security against want. Grant that we remember that all we have is a gift from You. Help us to know that, in You, we have all we need. Amen.

Aug 6—John 19:31-37, Psalm 22:16-31

Gracious, risen, and ascended Savior, seeing Your hands and side, the cost of our redemption, we bow before You with humble thanks. In Your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Aug 7—Hebrews 6:13-20, Psalm 119:113-117

Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for securing our forgiveness, promising to be the anchor for our soul. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Aug 8—Genesis 41:14-40, Psalm 145:15-20

Father, remind us that You provide not only our daily bread but also Your Son, who made the sacrifice sufficient to earn forgiveness for our sins. In His name we pray. Amen.

Aug 9—John 12:27-36, Psalm 77:1-15

Lord God, only You can create and sustain faith in us, through Jesus and the promise of forgiveness through the blood He shed for us on His cross. In His name we pray. Amen.

Aug 10—Mark 1:40-45, Psalm 86

Lord Jesus Christ, I glorify Your name for Your daily healing and daily forgiveness. Amen.

Aug 11—Mark 1:14-20, Psalm 7:8-17

O Jesus, because I have heard Your call to faith, give me courage to announce that urgent call to others. Grant me wisdom with my words as I speak Your Word, all to Your glory. Amen.

Aug 12—1 Kings 5, Psalm 127

Father, forgive our constant seeking for security and meaning in our work, and point us to Your Son, whose work carried Him to the cross for us. In His name we pray. Amen.

Aug 13—Acts 11:19-30, Psalm 33:13-22

Lord Jesus Christ, having seen and believed in Your love from the cross, how can we ever fail to love others for You? In Your name we pray. Amen.

Aug 14—Psalm 30, Psalm 143:1-8

O wondrous God, hide not Your face from Your servant, who daily seeks Your favor, for the sake of Jesus. In His name. Amen.

Aug 15—Romans 10:5-18, Psalm 116:1-9

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks, celebrate, and confess that You have shown Your favor, by grace, through Jesus Christ, Your Son. In His name. Amen.

Aug 16—2 Corinthians 4:13-18, Psalm 23

Gracious Lord, we need Your daily reminder that our sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed to us through the merits of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

Aug 17—Luke 18:18-23, Psalm 31:1-8

Lord God, accept my thanks for this: not what I have done but what Your Son finished for me, my complete salvation. In His name I pray. Amen.

Aug 18—John 1:43-51, Psalm 5

Savior, whom to know is to love, let Your Spirit keep repentant faith alive in my heart so I will invite others to meet You. Amen.

Aug 19—Acts 21:7-15, Psalm 71

Lord Jesus, You have committed Yourself to us, to suffer greatly and die for us, not for Your sin but for ours. Enable us to give our testimony of faith, even in the face of rejection. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Aug 20—Acts 26:19-29, Psalm 119:41-48

O Jesus, please grant me both the words and the courage to testify to what You have done in my life to save me. May I speak to Your glory. Amen.

Aug 21—Matthew 5:43-48, Psalm 65

Father, help us this day to go out into Your world and seek opportunities to love not only those who love us but also those who have yet to hear Your Gospel forgiveness. Amen.

Aug 22—Hebrews 10:11-18, Psalm 118:14-17

Lord God, when we see the cross and hear Jesus exclaim, "It is finished" (John 19:30), grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith may take hold of that Gospel. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Aug 23—Joshua 21:43-45, Psalm 138

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68), and Your promises never fail. Amen.

Aug 24—Isaiah 57:11-21, Psalm 38:1-18

Gracious Father, when You have brought us by Your Spirit to see our sin, let us be humble before You, confessing our guilt and pleading for Your mercy through the blood of Jesus, Your Son. Thank You for Your faithfulness and undeserved forgiveness. Amen.

Aug 25—Genesis 4:1-10, Psalm 119:33-40

O Savior, as You resisted the devil’s temptations with Scripture, so also arm us with Your Word to turn away from sin’s temptations. Thank You for granting us Your Holy Spirit to preserve us in the one true faith. Amen.

Aug 26—Ephesians 5:25-33, Psalm 128

Lord God, You established man and woman together in that wondrous relationship of marriage. Thank You for the blessings of marriage. Lead us daily to keep our love for our spouse alive as we share our faith in Christ. Amen.

Aug 27—2 Kings 7, Psalm 66:13-20

Lord God, forgive us for keeping the Good News of salvation to ourselves. Since Jesus died for all, help us “go and tell” (v. 9) that Good News to all. Amen.

Aug 28—Hebrews 10:15-31, Psalm 19

Lord God, warn me against presuming upon Your grace. Please remind me of Your forgiving love through the blood of Your Son. In His name. Amen.

Aug 29—Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 107:10-32

O God, we give thanks for including us in Your story of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

Aug 30—Revelation 22:12-21, Psalm 34:15-22

“Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20).

Aug 31—2 Timothy 1:8-14, Psalm 39

O risen and reigning Jesus Christ, lead us by Your Gospel to keep and to tell others of Your resurrection promise. Amen.

Your Daily Prayer

Announcements and Upcoming Events

IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,
In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact

Phone:

Email:

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 JUNE ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
THURSDAY AUGUST, 15.***

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES:

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CURVE
 SUMMER PICNIC WORSHIP
 COUNCIL MEETING

AUG 18 6 PM
 AUG 25 10 AM
 SEP 15 12 PM



NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 2024

12 PM

Summer Picnic Worship!



With summer upon us, we figured we would enjoy the weather and outdoors as part of worship. We held these picnic worships together, last summer, with our friends from Bethany and will be doing it again, this summer. 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 23rd, July 28th, and August 25th. We will have an abridged communion worship service and will then enjoy the picnic festivities. The main dish will be provided for these 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. If something changes with these picnics, we will keep you in the loop. See you on August 25th at 10:00am at Highland Park!

Come join us at
Lutheran Day
at the
Altoona Curve

Sunday, August 18
Game begins at 6 pm

Please order your tickets by Sunday,
 August 4; email allegheynsynodcurvetickets@gmail.com or call/text 814.934.9941. Mail
 payments to the Synod Office, 701 Quail Ave.,
 Altoona, PA 16602.

Tickets - \$7.00/each

*Performance by Christian band The Gathering before the game.
 Fireworks following the game!*





Pastor Drew

*Thank You for your service to
 our church and congregation.
 Blessings on your new
 congregation and your service
 to the Lutheran Church*

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**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

Church Council Members

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Robin Kessler—Vice President
Evelyn Holsinger—Secretary
Ralph Grove—Treasurer
Betty Boslet
Sharon Lightner
Shirley Manbeck
Mike Savino
Diane Schultz
Bill Wilt
Donna Wilt

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

*Church Administrative Assistant - Tim Surkovich
Organist & Choir Director - Pat McConnell
Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper - Ralph Grove
Custodian—Victor 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

- *Evelyn Holsinger
- *Sharon Lightner
- *Donna Wilt
- *Mike Savino

Worship & Music

- ***Mark Hoover**
- *Sharon Lightner
- Pat McConnell
- *Diane Shultz

By-Laws

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

Christian Education/
Social Ministry

- ***Evelyn Holsinger**
- *Robin Kessler
- *Sharon Lightner
- *Shirley Manbeck
- *Diane Schultz
- *Donna Wilt

Finance

- ***Mark Hoover**
- *Betty Boslet
- Ralph Grove
- *Robin Kessler
- *Bill Wilt
- *Donna Wilt

Property

- ***Evelyn Holsinger**
- Bill Dambeck
- Bob Holsinger
- *Robin Kessler
- *Shirley Manbeck
- *Mike Savino
- *Bill Wilt

Stewardship/Evangelism

- ***Donna Wilt**
- *Betty Boslet
- *Sharon Lightner

* Denotes Council Member
Thrivent Rep.—
Betty Boslet