



# Kirchenblatt September 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 Pastor Eli Hess  
Phone: 814-943-3972**

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

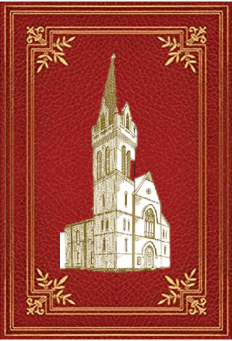
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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



**FROM THE COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT'S DESK  
September 2024**

St James Community:

As we move into the fall season, we're reminded that things are always changing. With fall, the leaves are changing, football is beginning, and the weather is changing. But amid all these changes, we are comforted by the promise that Jesus is always there and never changes. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). So, amid our lives and all the changes that are occurring, including death, illness, family emergencies, and the economy. We are reminded that Jesus is with us and will comforting us in these times of trials, tribulations and changes. Changes may come, but Jesus is always the same. Jesus never changes particularly His love for us and His caring for us.

In the Love of Jesus Christ, this gives us comfort in a hard and changing world where sometimes we just feel like we are just riding the waves of a hard and difficult life. But with the promise of Jesus' love for us, these times are not so devastating to us, and we can continue to live life in a way that glorifies God. May God bless you in these times of change and remind us of His love for us each and every day.

*Mark Hoover*

*President of Saint James Lutheran Church*



**Contribution & Attendance Summary**

**June 2023**

Contributions \$387.00  
Average Weekly Attendance: 9

**June 2024**

Contributions \$573.00  
Average Weekly Attendance: 9

**INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY**

**June 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024**

**INCOME**

Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$573.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$100.00
Other Income	\$4,000.00
	\$4,673.00

**EXPENSES**

Pastoral Administration	\$0.00
Worship & Music	\$596.34
Office	\$1,219.11
Custodial & Property	\$1,100.61
Uncategorized	\$211.60
	\$3,127.66



**September Birthdays**

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|------------------|------|
| Robert Boston    | 9/16 |
| Bill Dambeck     | 9/9  |
| Bob Holsinger    | 9/5  |
| Jada Mayo        | 9/15 |
| Brad Stehle      | 9/18 |
| Kim Vandevander  | 9/21 |
| Lynn Vandevander | 9/25 |
| Bill Wilt        | 9/15 |



*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 ,  
Bill Wilt, Staff Sgt John Hiles Donna  
Foster, Donna Wilt, Bill Dambeck  
Carolyn Feather, Judy Dambeck,  
Family of Janet Kauffman,  
Family of Jean Bickel  
Family of Earl Walters  
Those serving in our military

**Homewood**

Sylvia Malsatzki

**In their own homes:**

Deborah Manbeck



Sep 1—Joshua 24:1-27, 29-31, Psalm 77

The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days and God of love. Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest (LSB 798:1). Amen.

Sep 2—1 Samuel 1:9-20, 2:1-10, Psalm 113

O Lord Jesus, like Mary, my soul magnifies You and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Amen.

Sep 3—Job 19:25-27, Psalm 92

Lord Jesus Christ, "Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. . . . Grant us peace." Amen. (Agnus Dei, LSB, pp. 163, 180).

Sep 4—Exodus 1:15—2:4, 23-24; 3:1, 7-10, Psalm 105:27-45

O Lord God the Almighty! Great and amazing are Your deeds. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 5—Luke 1:5-7, 14, 24-25, 39-42, 57-64, 67-79, Psalm 39

Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts and minds. Forgive us, Lord, for doubting You. Blessed be the Lord God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 6—Hosea 6, Psalm 78:1-8, 32-42, 69-72

Lord God, thank You for calling us from unfaithfulness. Keep us in the one true faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 7—Hosea 8:1-4; 14, Psalm 36:5-9

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! . . . When I was sinking down, . . . Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul (LSB 543:1, 2). Amen.

Sep 8—Joel 2:1-17, Psalm 51

Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us; Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us (LSB 659:3). Amen.

Sep 9—Joel 2:18-27, Psalm 91

See how Your foes their banners are unfurling And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling, O Lord, preserve us (LSB 659:2). Amen.

Sep 10—Amos 1:1-3; 5:1-4, Psalm 55

Give ear to my prayer, O God. Send Your Spirit to help me cast my burden on You. Thank You for sustaining me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 11—Amos 9:11-15, Psalm 116

Eternal, merciful God, You heal and restore. You forgive and reign victoriously. You promise us eternal restoration through Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His name. Amen.

Sep 12—Obadiah 1-21, Psalm 16

Your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blest! For You have won the battle that they might wear the crown (LSB 518:1). Amen.

Sep 13—Micah 6:1-8; 7:7-15, 18-20, Psalm 121

God, take our shame. Grant us Your comfort. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 14—John 3:14-17, Psalm 98

Lord Jesus Christ, help me look to You upon the cross. Alleluia! Amen.

Sep 15—Micah 5:1-5, Psalm 95:1-7

Jesus, Good Shepherd, use even little me to Your glory. Amen.

Sep 16—Nahum 1, Psalm 105:1-8

Lord God, help me make Your great deeds known. Guide my words and my life, all to Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 17—Nahum 2, Psalm 119:89, 105

Risen Lord Jesus, thank You for being our enduring Word. Amen.

Sep 18—Habakkuk 1:1-2:5; 3:17-19, Psalm 96

Almighty Father, thank You for hearing my prayers of pain and frustration. Guide my heart to rejoice in You always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 19—Zephaniah 1:1-6, 14-16; 3:14-15, Psalm 107:1-16

Jesus, light of the world, in the midst of darkness, You are hope. In my repentant sorrow, grant that I look to Your joy. Amen.

Sep 20—Zephaniah 3:16-20, Psalm 138

Everlasting Father, mighty God, we await Your new order of no tears, death, or pain. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Sep 21—Matthew 28:1-10, Psalm 29

I, a sinner, come to Thee with a penitent confession. Savior, mercy show to me; grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive (LSB 609:4). Amen.

Sep 22—Jonah 1:1-2:3, 10; 3:1-6, 8-10, Psalm 130

Jesus, thank You for Your continual compassion. Amen.

Sep 23—Haggai 1, Psalm 110

Merciful God, thank You for calling us to consider Your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 24—Haggai 2, Psalm 62

God, when I fail to trust You, forgive me. In the name of Jesus, our Immanuel. Amen.

Sep 25—Zechariah 9:9-17, Psalm 118

Triune God—Father, Jesus, our good Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit, preserver of our faith— hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Sep 26—1 John 1:5-9, Psalm 145

Merciful Father, I confess my sins to You, assured of Your forgiveness. By the blood of Jesus. Amen.

Sep 27—Malachi 1:1-5, Psalm 103

Triune God, thank You for Your steadfast love. Lead me to repent and to love others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sep 28—1 Peter 2:1-10, Psalm 32

Father, I am not worthy to be a people, but You make me a people, treasured. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

Sep 29—1 Peter 5:6-10, Psalm 34:1-8

Victorious Jesus, "Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me." Amen. (From Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers).

Sep 30—2 Timothy 3:10-17, Psalm 40:9-10

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! (LSB 728:1). Amen.

# Your Daily Prayer



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

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In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Eli Hess  
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The church office email is [stjamesaltoona@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesaltoona@gmail.com) The church's website is [www.stjamesaltoona.org](http://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 OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER, 15.***



**UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES:**

**SUMMER PICNIC WORSHIP  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBERFEST**

**AUG 25 10 AM  
SEP 15 12 PM  
SEP 29 12 PM**



**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**September 15, 2024**

**12 PM**



The St. James Family is saddened by the passing of our longtime Sexton *Earl Walters.*

A Celebration of Life, Memorial Service will be held at:

**St. James Lutheran  
Church**

**Saturday Sep 7, 2024  
10 AM**



*September 29, 2024*

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

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

***Hosted By: Robin and John Kessler***



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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

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\* Denotes Council Member  
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