



Kirchenblatt October 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

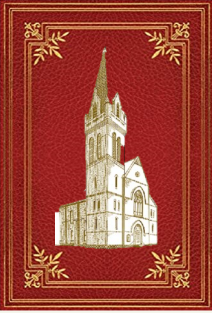
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK October 2024

St James Community:

As disciples of Jesus Christ, sometimes our lives are not clear cut but in many ways are confusing. Many times, we look for answers in the words of Jesus, but we come up confused, even though it may be a clear answer. The words of Jesus seem to us as not helpful or we just don't understand them. This is because those answers come from Jesus' divine perspective, and we unfortunately come from a human perspective. These are very different perspectives and we don't ask or pray about understanding Jesus' perspective. This is where we get into trouble as disciples, because we look at things in a human perspective, and what Jesus says don't make sense. Jesus calls us to move beyond our human perspectives and our sinful nature's of running after money, power, authority and all the toys of life. Jesus tells us that these things are not important. He calls us to follow Him to do the will of His Father each and every day. The truth is that if we follow Jesus and we will start to see that divine perspective. We start to see that our Human sinful perspective is foolish and has no meaning. The true meaning of life is following the ways of Jesus. Following the Jesus' way, that God calls us to live out, is not a life dominated by sin and the lusting after money, power and things. But a life dominated by the love of God and the wanting to do the will of God in this world, which is to love God with all of our heart, mind, and soul and to love our neighbors as ourselves. If we follow Jesus, our lives will be very calm and happy, because the life of sin will just leave us disappointed, disillusioned, and always wanting more. But living life in Jesus Christ, we will have a life that is dominated by fulfillment, satisfaction, and joy. Jesus doesn't call us to be sad sinners, but he calls us to be jubilant and happy disciples of Jesus Christ.

So, I challenge you today to follow Jesus and in the midst of all the unhappiness, unrest, and greed of this sinful world and to live a happy, faithful, and satisfied life in the light of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. And when you are uncertain about which direction to take in this life journey, I ask you to pray to Jesus for understanding, confidence, and direction, and I believe that you will find your answers.

Mark Hoover

President of Saint James Lutheran Church

Contribution & Attendance Summary	
July 2023	
Contributions \$848	
Average Weekly Attendance: 10	
July 2024	
Contributions \$650	
Average Weekly Attendance: 9	

October Birthdays

Paulette Fredrick	10/12
Dana Mayo	10/13
Debra Morgan	10/24
David Parsons III	10/31
Michael Savino	10/26
Gabrielle Tyler	10/29

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY
July 1, 2024 - July 31, 2024

INCOME	
Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$650.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$0.00
Other Income	\$4000.00
	\$4650.00
EXPENSES	
Pastoral Administration	\$147.24
Worship & Music	\$596.34
Office	\$1,170.14
Custodial & Property	\$749.75
Uncategorized	\$1,532.52
	\$4,195.99

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

Oct 1—Colossians 1:1-14, Psalm 1

Heavenly Father, thank You for qualifying us in faith “to share in the inheritance of the saints in light” (1:12). In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Oct 2—Colossians 1:15-17, Psalm 19

Lord Jesus, in deepest awe, we render You honor and praise. Amen.

Oct 3—Colossians 1:18-20, Psalm 24

May You, O preeminent One, Savior, God, and Lord, have preeminence in my life, words, and actions. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Oct 4—Colossians 1:21-23, Psalm 78:1-8

Lord Jesus, You graciously reconciled me, a sinner, so that I might be holy and blameless. Help me cling to You. Amen.

Oct 5—Colossians 1:24-29, Psalm 119:81-88

Thank You, Holy Savior, for revealing this mystery of life and salvation. Help me share this mystery revealed. In Your name, Jesus. Amen.

Oct 6—Colossians 2:1-5, Psalm 139:1-18

May Your Word be taught in its truth and purity, Lord, and protect us from false teaching. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Oct 7—Colossians 2:6-10, Psalm 145:1-13

Holy Spirit, thank You for assuring me through the Word of God that I have everything in Him who is the resurrected Head of the church and Lord of all creation, Jesus Christ. In His name. Amen.

Oct 8—Colossians 2:11-13, Psalm 30

Lord, I was conceived in sin but made alive in Christ in the waters of the new circumcision, Holy Baptism. Thank You! Impart joy to my heart. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Oct 9—Colossians 2:13-15, Psalm 68:1-20

We praise and confess You before the world, O victorious Lord, Savior, and mighty God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Oct 10—Colossians 2:16-23, Psalm 7

Thank You, merciful God, for not disqualifying me from Your grace in Christ. Keep me steadfast in the one true faith in my Redeemer. In His holy name. Amen.

Oct 11—Colossians, Psalm 147:1-11

Grant, Lord God, that, while here on earth, I may think heavenly thoughts and perform godly deeds of righteousness. In Jesus’ name and for His sake. Amen.

Oct 12—Colossians 3:5-14, Psalm 25:4-12

Help me, gracious Father, to daily put off the old self and adorn myself with Christ. Help me to be Your arm to a lost soul drowning in the sea of mortal life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Oct 13—Colossians 3:15-17, Psalm 100

Fatten me up spiritually with Your Holy Word, eternal Father, as I daily feast on the peace of Christ. In His name. Amen.

Oct 14—Colossians 3:18-25, Psalm 16

Heavenly Father, You have graciously provided through Paul a table of duties. Grant that I may live within them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 15—Colossians 4:1-6, Psalm 120

Master in heaven, help us who live in a world of violence, hatred, and evil to live with kindness and as peacemakers. Through Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Oct 16—Colossians 4:7-18, Psalm 133

Grant that I may prayerfully uplift each of my fellow church members, O God, following the example of Your servant Paul. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 17—2 Timothy 3:10-17, Psalm 135:1-7, 13-21

How I yearn for the perpetual fountain of Your grace. Grant it to me and all believers, Lord God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 18—Exodus 17:1-6; Titus 3:4-7, Psalm 114

Lord, "open now [Your] crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow" (LSB 918:2). Amen.

Oct 19—Deuteronomy 33:26-29, Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20, 26

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 20—John 7:37-52, Psalm 65

O eternal, Living Water, dearest Lord, flow through me to another thirsty soul. In Your name, Jesus. Amen.

Oct 21—John 4:5-26, Psalm 95:1-7

Kind Savior, You are the Living Water. Assuage our spiritual thirst as You did for the Samaritan woman. Amen.

Oct 22—Ezekiel 47:1-2, Psalm 43

Holy Spirit, flow into our hearts as Your temples by Your means of grace, the Word and Sacraments so that living water may also flow out of us to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 23—Acts 15:13-34, Psalm 22:25-31

Grant us, O Lord, the faith and courage of the martyr James of Jerusalem, in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Oct 24—Jeremiah 17:12-18, Psalm 73:23-28

Help me to not forsake You, O Lord Jesus. Amen.

Oct 25—Acts 9:36-42; 16:11-15, Psalm 104:1-4

Almighty God, thank You for the service of these faithful women who drank from the fountain. Bless all faithful servants in Your worldwide church and in our congregations. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 26—Exodus 15:1-2, Psalm 84

To sing of Your grace, dear Lord, is an honor and joy, for Your Word dwells in us richly. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Oct 27—John 19:28-37, Psalm 22:11-19

By Your death, Lord Jesus, You have given us a sweet foretaste of the feast to come in Your Holy Supper. Amen.

Oct 28—Acts 12:2-25, Psalm 36

Heavenly Father, we lean on Your grace and protection. Your enduring Word is truth, light, and a fountain of grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Oct 29—Zechariah 13, Psalm 74:12-17

Lord, we "come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall; here a pure and healing fountain flows" (LSB 435:1). Flow Your mercy through us, Jesus. Amen.

Oct 30—Revelation 21:1-7, Psalm 148

Lord Jesus, You are the water of life. Refresh my soul daily in Your Holy Word. Amen.

Oct 31—Revelation 22:1-9, 17, Psalm 46

Lord God, eternal fountain of grace, be ever present with us that our lives may flow forth with living water. We pray this in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Your Daily Prayer



Announcements and Upcoming Events

IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,
In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Eli Hess
Phone: 814-943-3972

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 NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,
TUESDAY OCTOBER, 15.***

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES:

SWEETS AND TREATS	OCT 6 10 AM
COUNCIL MEETING	OCT 8 5:30 PM
*Pizza provided	
POT LUCK DINNER	OCT 27 12 PM
POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE	OCT 27 12 PM
CONGREGATION MEETING	NOV 10 12 PM
DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS	DEC 7 10 AM
*Pizza provided	
ALLEGHENY CHORALE CONCERT	DEC 8 3 PM
*Refreshments afterwards	



NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



Tuesday October 8, 2024

5:30 PM

*Pizza Provided

***NOTE: Day and Time Change**

SWEETS AND TREATS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.



OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS WILL
BE: October 6, 2024
Provided By: Shirley Manbeck

* 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!



The next Potluck Dinner is
October 27, 2024
12:30 PM



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

November 12th

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.



**The Allegheny Chorale presents their 40th Season
Christmas Concert**



St. James Lutheran Church

December 8, 2024

3PM



**We ask the congregation to please contribute cookies for the social
after the concert. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.**

**Farewell for
Bishop Paula**

Sunday, October 6

Drop in between 3:00 and 5:00 pm
Evangelical Lutheran, Duncansville

Light refreshments will be served



A big thank you to Robin and John Kessler for the delicious Oktoberfest held on September 29th. It was well attended and enjoyed by all of us!





Save the Date:

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

**LUTHERAN
WOMEN'S RETREAT**

SATURDAY

October 19, 2024

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

***Watch for further details and registration
information COMING SOON!***





Christmas Poinsettias

Bless our Sanctuary and your home this Christmas with a beautiful red poinsettia! For each \$10.25 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, October 27, 2024.** 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

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

Church Council Members

Mark Hoover—President
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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

By-Laws

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

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

Finance

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- *Robin Kessler
- *Bill Wilt
- *Donna Wilt

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- ***Donna Wilt**
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* Denotes Council Member
Thrivent Rep.—
Betty Boslet