



# Kirchenblatt November 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  
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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 November 2024

St James Community:

Grace and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At this time of year, we start to look to the Holidays that are approaching. Not only is it a time of thanks and praise, but it also is a time of remembrance. This week, we looked toward All Saints Sunday. As we remember those in our lives that have passed away in this past year. We look back to remember family, friends, and acquaintances who have left our lives not only in past year but throughout our lives. This is more personal this year, because of the passing of my uncle Sonny or Earl Walters. In our grief, we remember the times when our loved ones caused such joy and long-lasting memories. And during this time of grief is when we look back, remembering the good times, but also grieve over the loss of someone that we loved so much. But we need to remember that those in our lives that have passed on have not passed on into nothingness, but they have returned home to our God and Father. During this time, we remember that the Saints have moved on in their journey to new vistas and to eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. When all their hopes and dreams in the faith have been realized. They now see Christ face to face and realize that their faith has been fulfilled in their presence with Jesus in the Kingdom of God. Jesus has given us great hope through His teachings and in His death and resurrection. He reminds us that he has gone to prepare a place for us. A place with many mansions, a place where there is no sorrow, no fear, and no sadness, where there are no tears. Because of the death of Jesus Christ, we have been given an opportunity to enter the Kingdom through His sacrificial death through which we have forgiveness of sins. His resurrection is a guarantee that we too will receive His forgiveness, enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and receive a new spiritual body just like His that has no weaknesses, no frailties, or no infirmities. A perfect body given to us by Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us that hope that we will have eternal life. So, as we enter this time of the Holidays, and as we remember those who have gone before us; we too must remember that we have the hope that Jesus Christ will give to us an eternal body through His resurrection and our baptism into His death. I pray that this time will not be a time of sadness and grieving during these holidays, but a time of joy in the hope of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

*Mark Hoover*

*President of Saint James Lutheran Church*

<p><b>Contribution &amp; Attendance Summary</b></p> <p><b>August 2023</b></p> <p>Contributions \$735 Average Weekly Attendance: 8</p> <p><b>August 2024</b></p> <p>Contributions \$835 Average Weekly Attendance: 8</p>
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**November Birthdays**

Susan Boston 11/17  
Edith Trinks 11/5

**INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY**  
**August 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Bank Interest	\$0.00
Contributions	
General	\$835.00
Designated	\$0.00
Special	\$218.00
Other Income	\$4,177.39
	\$5,230.39
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Pastoral Administration	\$441.72
Worship & Music	\$596.34
Office	\$1,196.99
Custodial & Property	\$885.39
Uncategorized	\$990.50
	\$4,110.94

*Remember In Your Prayers*

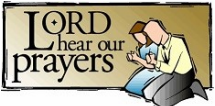
**Our Prayer List:**

(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 ,  
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



Nov 1—Ephesians 1:1-2, Psalm 116

Thank You, Jesus, for the invaluable letter called Ephesians. Amen.

Nov 2—Ephesians 1:3-4, Psalm 32

All praise to You, Jesus, for in the Gospel, our cups overflow. Amen.

Nov 3—Ephesians 1:5-6, Psalm 68:1-6

Thank You, Father, for adopting me into Your family—a forgiven family because of Jesus, my Savior. In His name. Amen.

Nov 4—Ephesians 1:7-10, Psalm 77

Thank You, Jesus, for shedding blood for me. Amen.

Nov 5—Ephesians 1:11-14, Psalm 73:16-28

All praise to You, Jesus, for sealing us in the Spirit. Amen.

Nov 6—Ephesians 1:15-18, Psalm 106:1-12

Open the eyes of our hearts, Jesus, so we see anew our glorious inheritance. Amen.

Nov 7—Ephesians 1:19-21, Psalm 29

Jesus, because of Your resurrection power, I have a new life. Amen.

Nov 8—Ephesians 1:22-23, Psalm 110

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your great power and authority—all for us, Your church. Amen.

Nov 9—Ephesians 2:1-4, Psalm 86

Dear Jesus, thank You for making me new. Amen.

Nov 10—Ephesians 2:5-10, Psalm 16

Jesus, Your grace is absolutely amazing. Amen.

Nov 11—Ephesians 2:11-16, Psalm 9:1-11

Jesus, break down my dividing walls of hostility. Amen.

Nov 12—Ephesians 2:17-18, Psalm 85

Jesus, preach peace into my heart and into my relationships. Amen.

Nov 13—Ephesians 2:19-22, Psalm 131

Jesus, empower me to live in peace with all people. Amen.

Nov 14—Ephesians 3:1-15, Psalm 95

Father, I kneel before You to pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 15—Ephesians 3:16-17, Psalm 143

Jesus, my heart is Yours. Clean and cleanse it to Your glory. Amen.

Nov 16—Ephesians 3:18-19, Psalm 40  
Thank You, Jesus, for being for us forevermore! Amen.

Nov 17—Ephesians 3:20-21, Psalm 121  
Jesus, You are able. I'm available. And so I boldly pray this day. Amen.

Nov 18—Ephesians 4:1-3, Psalm 133  
Thank You, Jesus, for my church family. Amen.

Nov 19—Ephesians 4:4-6, Psalm 136  
You love Your church, Jesus. So do I. Amen.

Nov 20—Ephesians 4:7-16, Psalm 103  
Jesus, thank You for freeing me to fly. Amen.

Nov 21—Ephesians 4:17-32, Psalm 4  
Jesus, when I'm tempted to unload, melt my heart of stone and let my words be truthful but kind. Amen.

Nov 22—Ephesians 5:1-14, Psalm 27  
Thank You, Jesus, for awakening me to walk in Your light. Amen.

Nov 23—Ephesians 5:15-18, Psalm 104:24-35  
Fill me, Holy Spirit, with Christ's divine gifts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nov 24—Ephesians 5:19-21, Psalm 100  
Lord Jesus, I'm so thankful for Your promised return. Amen.

Nov 25—Ephesians 5:22-33, Psalm 34:1-10  
Thank You, Jesus, for Your beautiful plan for marriage. Amen.

Nov 26—Ephesians 6:1-3, Psalm 78:1-8  
Jesus, show me how to restore, renew, and recommit to honoring my parents.  
Amen.

Nov 27—Ephesians 6:4-9, Psalm 127  
Thank You, Jesus, for the children in my life. Amen.

Nov 28—Ephesians 6:10-12, Psalm 18:31-50  
Blessed Savior, equip me to fight the good fight of faith against the old evil foe.  
Amen.

Nov 29—Ephesians 6:13-20, Psalm 91  
Jesus, thank You for Your gifts. Suit me up with Your helmet and sword for the  
day of battle. Amen.

Nov 30—Ephesians 6:21-24, Psalm 37:23-40  
Jesus, make me like Tychicus so I might encourage people to draw closer to  
You. Amen.

# 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 DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE KIRCHENBLATT IS,  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER, 15.***

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

<b>CONGREGATION MEETING</b>	<b>NOV 10 12 PM</b>
<b>DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>DEC 7 10 AM</b>
*Pizza provided	
<b>ALLEGHENY CHORALE CONCERT</b>	<b>DEC 8 3 PM</b>
*Refreshments afterwards	



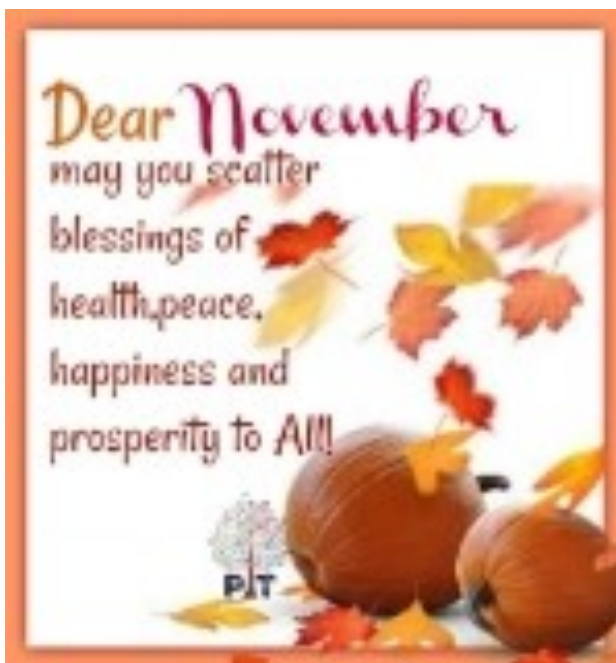
## SWEETS AND TREATS

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH.



**OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS WILL  
BE: November 3, 2024  
Provided By: Mark Hoover**

\* 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 **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.





***Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 3pm  
St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altoona***

***Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7pm  
First Presbyterian Church, Tyrone***

***Deborah Estright, Director***

Free to the public

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

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

***Church Council Members***

Mark Hoover—President  
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