

St. James Ev. Lutheran Church

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9:00 A.M. Worship Service – 10:30 A.M. Sunday School

The Rev. Brenda Ferree, Pastor

Home (717) 244-4633, Cell 542-3505

Dr. Ernestine Hoff – Director of Music

Mrs. Pat Breneman, Secretary

Mr. Dave Smith – Sexton, Mrs. Sonja Hoke - Custodian

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April, 2011



PASTOR'S TABLE TALK

"Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"

TRADITIONS

We all have them, those "Traditions" in our lives that have developed over the years. When we think of Easter, we might have thoughts of egg hunts, chocolate bunnies, and marshmallow peeps that pop into our memories almost without thinking of them.

The Easter dinner, with ham and the trimmings; the family gathered around in anticipation for what we are about to share around the table. Fondly our memories come to us from childhood, young adulthood, or the later years. We look back and we realize as young parents or as grand-parents, we have carried on some of those memories and turned them into traditions for our families today.

Traditions are wonderful things as they pull us back to the past and remind us of our heritage, our ancestors, and from where we have come. There is comfort, peace, and a sense that things haven't changed, even though we know they have. These traditions give us a "touchstone," a way of being in touch with the ones who are no longer with us around the table.


I wonder, as we worship each week if we consider how our liturgy, our service of worship, connects us to the people and the practices

of the early church? We may not realize it, but our Lutheran tradition is one of the richest in carrying on the foundational worship of our ancestors.

Our liturgy is comprised and connected very closely to both our ancestors and to Scripture. When you have an ELW [our new worship book] in your hands, you will find the compilation of these “connections” on pages 1154-1159, near the back of the book.

Have you ever tried to memorize Scripture? Before you answer, let’s look at one ancient response in our liturgy, because, once you hear it, you may be surprised to find that you have already memorized Scripture through the liturgy.

In our liturgy, our form of worship, each Sunday we sing the *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*, also known as *The Sanctus*. But did you know that these words are directly from the book of Isaiah 6:3? The seraphs called to one another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.” These words taken from Scripture remind us that not only are they Holy words, they are words that have been used since the ancient church worshipped in the homes of fellow Christians.

When we sing them we are connected to the traditions of our early ancestors. When we sing them we sing them with people around the world; we sing them with the people and saints from all generations who called on the LORD and his holiness. These words are so sacred, pastors and worshipping people bow at the sound of them and at the words, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD,” mark themselves with the reminder of the cross on which Christ was crucified, died, buried, and received the promised resurrection. 

May this Easter be the beginning of our walking with Christ in a more real and closer way. May we not lose sight that our faith and our tradition of faith as Lutherans bears importance on how we live, act, and grow in our lives, and of how we share our faith with

others so that they too may know this Christ who we proclaim! ALLELUIA ! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

Pastor Brenda

LENTEN SERVICES THEME

“BY MY HAND? — FOR MY SAKE!”

OVERVIEW OF THE SERVICES

Our Lenten experience continues through Good Friday, April 22nd.

We meet each week for our service, alternating between St. James and St. Stephens. The theme this year includes a weekly monologue that introduces us to characters who remind us of the story leading up to Christ’s crucifixion. The pastor’s homily will take us through a time of self-reflection on our own hands and how we are all connected to those who we will learn about, whose hands in some way carried out the nails being placed in our Savior’s hands. This month we will meet Peter and The Centurion.

SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEAL TIME</u>	<u>SERVICE TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 6	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	St. Stephen’s
April 13	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	St. James

All services at St. James will be held in the Adult Sunday School Room following the meal in the Social Room.

All Services at St. Stephen’s will be held in the Sanctuary.

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 21

Evening Worship with Holy Communion – 7:00 p.m.
at St. Stephen's - NO MEAL

GOOD FRIDAY – April 22

Prayer Vigil – Church will be open from 12:00 noon
to 3:00 p.m. for prayer.

Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m. at St. James - NO MEAL

REMINDER – don't forget to return your LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPE that was enclosed in the March Newsletter. These less expensive envelopes replace the \$10 Lenten quarter coin folders previously used –



2011 LENTEN ENVELOPE RECEIPTS WILL BE DEPOSITED in the St. James Good Samaritan Fund



UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

April 17 *Sunday of the Passion and Palm Sunday*

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



We will raise our palms as we process through the sanctuary with the reading of the Processional Gospel and singing the entrance hymn.

The “St. James Players” will lead us into the Passion part of Palm Sunday as they will read dramatically, the character parts of the Passion Gospel.

The meditation on the Cross will be the focus of the congregation as we listen to the Passion Gospel dialogue between the readers in the balcony and the narrator in the chancel.



April 24 *Resurrection of Our Lord*

Easter Day Festival Service

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Followed by Fellowship Time and

10:30 a.m. – Sunday School

May 8, 9:00 a.m., Youth Sunday, with youth leading the entire service in the sanctuary. Youth will be greeters, acolyte, reader, assisting minister, one will be preaching, leading children's time, and being communion assistants.

NEW ASSISTING MINISTERS

New Assisting Ministers began in February. Those who will be assisting each Sunday are: Carol Knaub, Deb Meckley, Phil Kern, Ron Herman, and those who have been serving: Mark Snyder and Rod Drawbaugh.



We give thanks to God for their willingness to serve in this role at this time and in the future. The Assisting Minister, along with those others who lead; greeters, ushers, acolytes, altar guild, choir, readers, Communion assistants, and those who offer hospitality, are fulfilling along with the pastor, the important roles of leading worship.

According to the accepted statement on guidance and practice of Word and Sacrament, *The Use of the Means of Grace*, 1997, pg. 46, “The liturgy is the celebration of all who gather. Together with the pastor who presides, the entire congregation is involved. It is important, therefore, that lay persons fulfill appropriate ministries within the service

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR NEW
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP
THE ELW**

We give thanks to all who have contributed to the purchasing of the books and the additional Ministry and Music resources we needed to purchase. We will continue to receive sponsorships for the ELW until Easter Sunday, April 24th. Forms are available on the pamphlet rack. *(A complete list of ELW sponsors will be included in the summer edition of the newsletter.)*

Thanks also to the Worship and Music Committee, the leadership of Peg Funkhouser and those who assisted in the preparation for the use of the new books of worship.

**“FIRST WEDNESDAY” WEEK-DAY
HOLY COMMUNION and SERVICE OF HEALING**

Monthly 1st Wednesday services will resume in September.



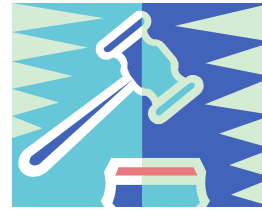
WHEN YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

When you find yourself in the hospital either unexpectedly or for a planned stay, please let us know by contacting the church office at 854-7198 or the pastor at home, 244-4633 or on her cell phone, 542-3505. Lately we have not been contacted by the hospitals to inform the church of your admission and with the HIPPA regulations, it can be difficult or even impossible for clergy to discover your admission. To ensure that you will receive pastoral care in the hospital, please inform pastor or office.

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REMINDER: Social Hour Hosts (2011)

April – Adult Sunday School Class
May - Choirs



Church Council Corner

These notes are from the February Council meeting:

The total cost of the new hymnals was \$5100. We borrowed \$2000 from the memorial fund and are replacing it as additional hymnals are purchased.

Problems with the organ are being investigated by Taylor Miller Organ Co.

Council has received some commentary regarding distractions from outside the sanctuary during the worship service.

Christian Ed department is seeking the names of children interested in going to Summer Church Camp. Interested persons should see Ruth Hoover.

The youth will be going on a retreat in May.

The dishwasher leak was fixed and the dishwasher will now be run at least once a month to help keep the seals in working order.

The annual review was done by the Finance Committee and everything checked out OK.

The church picnic will be held on May 22nd, preceded by a worship service at the church.

OUR ST. JAMES MOTHER / DAUGHTER / CHILDREN BANQUET

will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in the social room, following the church service, on Sundays,

April 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Prices – Adults - \$11, Children 5-10 - \$5.50
Children under 5 – FREE



“GROUP NEWS / COMMITTEE NEWS”

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS will meet on Thursday, April 7th, at 11:30 A.M. in the Social Room. Bring a sandwich of your choice, beverage and dessert will be provided. We will be entertained by Violet Stailey, presenting a program on butterflies especially the "Monarch Migration". We welcome all new members, no dues to pay, we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray

SUNSHINE WORKERS CLASS EVENTS:

Class Meeting - Monday, April 4th - Social Room – 1:00 P.M.

BINGO for residents at Kelly Manor –
April 11th – 2:00 P.M.

SUNSHINE WORKERS' BREAKFAST

Alexander's Restaurant – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 21st

Come out and start your day with us.



CHURCH PICNIC COMING SOON! SAVE THE DATE! **MAY 22** AT BROOKSIDE PARK



+ PLEASE NOTE +

WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M. AT ST. JAMES THIS YEAR.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP, WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL COME TO THE PICNIC!

STARTING TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

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THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you for the Lesson inserts. They are greatly appreciated. *Grace Lutheran Church*
(Each week we share extra "Today's Reading inserts with Grace Church.)



To Pastor Brenda and Members of St. James, I would like to express my thanks to you all for the cards, the calls, the visiting, and the altar flowers delivered by Deb Meckley. It was very much appreciated. *Charlie Slenker*

Address Change:

Fishel, Dolores, 2143 Bayberry Lane, 17403-4776

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes continue for all ages each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE + Sunday School will be held following Fellowship Time on Easter Sunday.

CHRISTIAN ED. WORKERS & SERVERS BANQUET –
Wednesday, April 27 – 6:00 P.M. – Watch for more details.



CAMPING IS COMING!! Children and Youth of St. James - [grades 2-11] are eligible for to attend a Lutheran Camping Corporation camp this summer. **All application forms and camping**

registration forms must be submitted to the church office for approval for financial assistance.

Early registration deadline, April 2nd.

EVANGELISM/HOSPITALITY

A plan for the Renewal of the Narthex was decided and presented to Board of Trustees on March 13 and to Council for review. We have developed a new evangelism information handout, "Looking for something more??" The handout also contains upcoming activities and will be updated seasonally as activities change. This handout will be handed to people who are visiting our worship services and other events. See the "Feasibility Survey" at the end of the newsletter as we ask you, the people of St. James about the kinds of activities that the congregation would like to do and sponsor to share our faith and bring people to our church. These suggestions are also projects that could help raise funds for repairs to our sanctuary and organ. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SURVEY BY APRIL 10 AND LOOK FOR THE RESULTS IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TEAM

"*Threads of Compassion.*" Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1:00 P.M. in the parlor. If interested in joining the group please contact Peg Funkhouser for more details.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

LENTEN PROJECT – With this year's Lenten focus being FASTING, PRAYER and GIFTS to the POOR, we contacted the Bell Family Shelter and found that they are in need of bath towels and washcloths. During Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, we will be collecting these items to deliver to the shelter. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Please place items in the BELL FAMILY SHELTER box that can be found on the pool table in the social room.

WE ARE ALSO collecting metal nail clippers for the Synod Assembly, June 2-4; the York Conference goal is 250. Those attending the Synod Assembly will be assembling 800 Personal Care Kits. Please place your donation in the box marked "Nail Clippers" on the pool table in the social room



YOUTH GROUP

NEWS! Beginning March 27th and continuing on the last Sunday evening of each month, the Youth Group will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room for a time of activities, fun, snacks, and being together.

We continue to pray for a Youth Director who would focus on the youth and the development of the program, but for now, Pastor and parents who choose to, will be leaders and chaperones at our Youth Group meetings. We will elect officers at the first meeting who will begin leading the group in what we will be doing in the future. Our parents are working on committees with the youth as we look for Community Outreach, Mission Projects, Fun Activities, and Fund-Raising projects

RETREAT – "BAPTISM" at Camp Nawakwa, May 20—21. Requirement for Confirmands, and Senior High Youth are invited to attend. Lots of learning and lots of fun!

TREASURER'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

| | February <u>2011</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Current Receipts | \$ 12,913.55 | \$ 29,685.40 |
| Current Disbursements | <u>\$ 16,195.15</u> | <u>\$ 32,775.00</u> |
| Current Receipts less | | |
| Disbursements | (\$ 3,281.60) | (\$ 3,089.60) |
| Benevolence Receipts | \$ 654.50 | \$ 1,577.50 |
| Benevolence Disbursement | \$ -0- | 923.00 |

Transferred \$3,252.95 from another account to cover deficit. Did not submit February Benevolence to Synod at this time as per Council President's approval. will be submitted at a later date.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY to:



- Apr. 02 Viola Palmer,
405 N. Pine Ave. Apt. A-22 Spring Grove, 17362
- Apr. 03 Alexander Alwine, 2079 Taxville Rd., York, 17408
- Apr. 03 Barbara Leppo, 3841 Admire Road, Dover, PA 17315
- Apr. 03 Angelene Myers, 3317 E. Farm Circle, Dover, 17315
- Apr. 03 Mariah Swope, 670 Maryland Ave., York, 17404
- Apr. 04 Wes Ashton, 1715 Park Road, Spring Grove, 17362
- Apr. 04 Henrietta Boyer, 1630 Woodberry Road, York, 17408
- Apr. 05 Leonard Zemaitis, 1005 Priority Rd., York, 17404
- Apr. 06 Sam Hoover, 1730 Filbert St., York, 17404
- Apr. 07 John Besore, Jr., 2447 N. Gabrielle Ct., York, 17408
- Apr. 09 Ruth Hoover, 1730 Filbert St., York, 17404
- Apr. 10 Charles H. Leib,
112 Winners Circle Drive, Red Lion 17356
- Apr. 11 James F. Densel, Jr., 1549 Stanton St., York, 17404
- Apr. 12 Helen Drawbaugh, 2654 Grandview Park Drive, 17408
- Apr. 13 Vicki J. Besore, 2447 N. Gabirelle Ct., York, 17408
- Apr. 13 Joyce Gilbert, 2490 W. College Ave., York, 17408
- Apr. 15 Helen C. Stahley, 2005 Filbert Street, York, 17404
- Apr. 16 Stephanie Laird, 31 N. Adams St., York, 17404
- Apr. 16 Kathy Shores, 1416 W. Poplar Terrace, York, 17404
- Apr. 17 Thelma Driscoll, 2527 Pin Oak Drive, York, 17406
- Apr. 17 Grace Young, 2039 Village Circle, East, York, 17404
- Apr. 18 Pauline Sechrist, 10 S. Seward Street, York, 17404
- Apr. 18 June Yeager, 642 Kyle Rd., York, 17404
- Apr. 19 George H. Emig, Jr., 2227 Cedar Rd., York, 17408
- Apr. 21 Scott Wilhelm, 17 S. Clinton St., York, 17404
- Apr. 22 Mason Peart, 573 Sandstone Lane, 17404
- Apr. 22 Cindy Werking, 3045 Brookside Ave., Dover, 17315
- Apr. 24 Lee Paxton, 2455 Beeler Ave., York, PA 17408
- Apr. 26 Benjamin Brodbeck, 1105 Church Rd., York, 17404
- Apr. 28 Caroline (Betty) Gross, Normandie Ridge, Apt. 403
1700 Normandie Drive, York, 17408
- Apr. 28 Dorcas Jacobs, 810 Dover Ct, Grovetown, GA 30813
- Apr. 29 Mildred Dennis, 1645 W. Philadelphia St., York, 17404
- Apr. 30 Gloria Marley, 2886 Loman Ave., York, 17408

From Hospitality and Evangelism

To love what you do and feel that it matters, what could be more fun? "When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy and it will be well with you." Psalm 128:2

The Hospitality and Evangelism Committee has been asking St. James leadership and committees about the kinds of activities that the congregation has sponsored over the years that have been most successful in sharing our faith and bringing people to our church. In looking at these responses and also looking at the survey results from the congregation when our new Mission Statement was written, a few activities consistently appear. They are also projects that could help raise funds for repairs to our sanctuary and organ. But they are projects that would require a lot of help to do. Before we proceed with any of them, we need to know if there are enough interested members of the congregation to help to carry out a project. Please look at the list below and check one or more that you would be interested in helping to carry out. Drop the sheet into the offering plate, or send it to the church by April 10th. We'll publish the results of this survey in May's newsletter. Without enough help, none of these projects would be feasible for our church to take on.

- _____ Holiday Bazaar
(making crafts, cooking, set-up and clean-up, etc.)
- _____ Rummage Sale
(donating, sorting, pricing, set-up and clean-up., etc.)
- _____ Book Sale
(donating, sorting, pricing, set-up and clean-up., etc.)
- _____ Other, What? _____

I would be willing to play a leadership role.

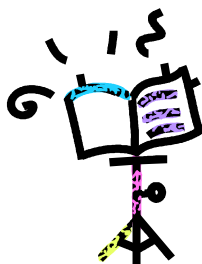
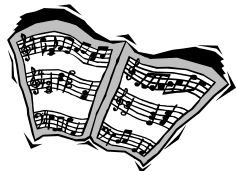
Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

FUN WITH HYMNS

- Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy!
The Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn..... I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists Hymn.....He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician
AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns
45mph.....God Will Take Care of You
65mph.....Nearer My God to Thee
85mph.....This World Is Not My Home
95mph.....Lord, I'm Coming Home
100mph.....Precious Memories



Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folk.