

St. James Ev. Lutheran Church

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

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December 2010 – January 2011

PASTOR'S TABLE TALK

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

As we begin this new Church Year on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, we are in Year A of the lectionary, The Year of Matthew, which means, for the most part, our Gospel lessons will be from the book of Matthew.

It has been said that in order to read Matthew one should read it *backwards*. Meaning we should first go to the end of the book, chapter 28:16-20, and read the words that call us to “go and make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

This “ending” is the cue for reading the rest of the book, as Matthew’s focus throughout is about the shaping and challenging of disciples of Christ to be active disciples.

The first of the Gospels, Matthew, calls us as we are commissioned and empowered by Jesus to be the vehicles through which God and God’s kingdom are seen and experienced in the world, just as Jesus was the one in whom God was made known to the world.

Jesus emphasizes watchfulness and being busy at work while awaiting his return. For we are told that Jesus’ return is unexpected, the time is unknown, and we need to watch and wait, and serve our fellow brothers and sisters. _

As part of my monthly Pastor's Report to Council, I give a report on any educational or spiritual growth activities or events I have attended during the prior month. This month's report I also thought would be good to share with you:

"No formal activities this month, however, I would say throughout this diagnosis and surgery, my spiritual life and faith has been growing and strengthened by the love, grace, and mercy of Christ. His love, made visible in the words and acts of love by the people of St. James, friends, and family. We give the Lord thanks and praise that He has placed us here, among you."

We have been challenged by the diagnosis and surgery undergone during this month, and at the time of this writing, it is still unknown as to whether or not further treatment will be necessary. Both Steve and I have been so graciously by God as we have known his presence and peace, and have been blessed by the prayers and the numerous acts of kindness and support we have received from you, God's people at St. James.

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel,

Pastor Brenda

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**"FIRST WEDNESDAY" WEEK-DAY
HOLY COMMUNION and SERVICE OF HEALING**
Next scheduled services will be
December 1st and January 5th
at 12 noon.

***ADVENT SERVICES and
CHRISTMAS SERVICES***

***Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family
to all of our Special Services!***

Nov. 28, 9:00 AM—First Sunday of Advent

We are called to "wake-up and watch" as we begin the season of waiting. We await the coming of Jesus in the manger but we are also called to wake-up and wait for the Lord's coming again!



When Christ comes again, and the promised day of salvation will be upon us.

Dec. 5, 9:00 AM THE HANGING OF THE GREENS



This is the 4th annual service during which we share as a congregation in the meaningful adornment of the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. The congregation will be involved in singing and placing of decorations that will be interspersed throughout the service. Invite your friends and

families to join us in this interactive service as we prepare for the Advent of our Lord!

We will not be having Sunday School this morning due to the usual extension of the service. Following the service, please join with us for the Fellowship Brunch in the Social Room; led by Anita Ashton and Youth Group.



***CHRISTMAS EVE
Candle-light Service***

December 24th at 7:15 p.m.

*Beginning with a musical Prelude at 7:15 p.m. and
Worship with Holy Communion at 8:00 p.m.*

Come and invite your family and friends to this beautiful service beginning with the music of our choirs, organist, and others who share their talents through music. Come and witness the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ as we gather at the humble manger in our hearts and worship the Lord of heaven and earth!



Dec. 26, 9:00 AM— Christmas Lessons and Carols

We join in hearing the scripture readings that call us to remember God's faithfulness throughout the Old Testament readings and the New. We join in singing the beloved songs of Christmas together, praising God, from whom all blessings flow!



**ALSO, during this service we will have:
Installation of Council for 2011,
and Recognition of Board of Trustees.**

All Council members and Board of Trustees are asked to be present as we recognize those who contribute their time, energy and talents to these two important ministries of the church.

**EPIPHANY SERVICE
January 6, 2011, [Thurs. eve] 7:00 PM**

A "Service of Light" [Vespers]

Come and worship on the night we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations and people. We remember the magi's visit to the Christ child this night, as they followed the star, bringing gifts in adoration to this King sent to earth in the little child Jesus. This King of Kings – God in the flesh, incarnate.

Invite your family and friends to this beautiful service of candle-light as we reflect on the author and perfecter of our faith, Jesus, the Light of the world!

Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Jan. 9, 9:00 AM — Baptism of our Lord Festival Service

Another of the great "Epiphanies" of our Lord Jesus' revelation as the beloved Son of God. Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who brings forth justice and light to the nations. We too are washed in the waters of baptism, by the Word, and anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children.

Jan. 23, 9:00 AM—Recognition of those serving in the Ministries of Worship

All those who serve in the Ministries of Worship are asked to be present as we recognize those who contribute their time, energy and talents to this important ministry of the church.

The following are asked to be present during this service:
Acolytes, Crucifers, Altar Guild, Worship and Music Committee, Readers, Greeters, Ushers, Assisting Ministers, The Choir, Music Director, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

***ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
LUNCHEON & MEETING***



*has been scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 2011,
immediately following the worship service*

No Sunday School

(Snow date – Sunday, January 23rd)

All members are invited and encouraged to attend!

*Reservation forms for the luncheon will be in the bulletin and on
the rack beginning December 26th.*

BOOK/BIBLE STUDY

"UNBINDING THE GOSPEL"

Wednesdays, through December 8th, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., we continue the study on the book "Unbinding the Gospel."

THE ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

"I WONDER AS I WANDER"

has been cancelled

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the parlor

Beginning date will be announced in bulletins

The topic will be the book of Matthew. Come and learn more about the first of the Gospels! The Gospel of Matthew will be the focus of our Gospel lessons each Sunday throughout the year of 2011.

"PARENTS' COFFEE – CONVERSATION TIME" **(Please note change of date)**

Beginning January 2nd during Sunday School; 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Sunday, (except January 16th) all parents of children [infants through teens], are invited to meet with Pastor in the parlor for coffee and conversation.

During this time together parents will have a time apart from parenting, while their children are in Sunday School; a time to talk about anything they would like to discuss with the pastor.

This will also give parents a time to get "connected" with other parents and share together.

This will be a casual time together and will also include Scripture and Prayer.

"GROUP NEWS / COMMITTEE NEWS"



DECEMBER MEETING –

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS, those with reservations, are reminded that we will meet on Thursday, December 2nd, 12:00 Noon for our annual Christmas Luncheon at Calvary United Methodist Church.

JANUARY MEETING –

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS will meet on Thursday, January 6th at 11:30 A.M. in the Social Room. Bring a sandwich of your choice, beverage and dessert will be provided. Mr. A. Winand will present a program portraying Abe Lincoln. We welcome all new attendees, no dues to pay, we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.



"GROUP NEWS / COMMITTEE NEWS" continued

SUNSHINE WORKERS CLASS MEETING



Monday, December 6, 1:00 PM

Christmas Party at Normandie Ridge

We are always open for new members. Anyone who would like to join with us at our Christmas Party is asked to please call the church office for a reservation. Cost - \$13 per person. Deadline, December 2nd.

January Class Meeting – Monday, January 3rd
at home of Janet Hershey – 1PM

Christmas Party for residents at Kelly Manor – December 13th
Christmas Party for residents at Sprengle Village – December 14th

SUNSHINE WORKERS' BREAKFAST

Alexander's Restaurant – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 16th

Thursday, January 20th

Come out and start your day by having breakfast with us.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Women's Choir – 6:30 p.m. – Thursdays

Senior Choir – 7:00 p.m. - Thursdays

Men's Choir – 8:00 p.m. – Thursdays

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

EVANGELISM/HOSPITALITY

The "Committee Retreat" was held October 24, following Sunday School. The retreat was successful with approximately 1/2 the total number of members of committees being represented. Linda Kern will be compiling the points of importance in the process of implementing change, growth and moving St. James forward that were created by the groups in response to the discussion questions presented during the retreat.

Many thanks to Linda and Phil for the food, to Linda for the preparation and presentation of this valuable time for the leaders of the church to come together and look to the presents and future of St. James. Thanks to Kyla Ensor who presented a St. James website update and overview, and to all who participated in the retreat.

Next meeting date: tentatively Dec. 14th

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TEAM

"*Threads of Compassion.*" Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., in the parlor. If interested in joining the group please contact Peg Funkhouser for more details.



YOUTH

Confirmants meeting with Sr. High Sunday School Class until Pastor Brenda returns. All sessions will be rescheduled during December.

Sr. High Class video and discussion topic, "Conflict," continues through January.

+ **SAVE THE DATE** +



DEC. 19th - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

LIVE NATIVITY

Ministering through reaching out to our community of West York and beyond will begin with a new activity this Advent season.

The youth, under the direction of Anita Ashton, [Youth Community Outreach chairperson] are sponsoring a “Live Nativity” on the front lawn on Dec. 19th. This will include the reading of Jesus’ birth from Luke 2:1-20, people dressed in costume, at least one live animal, and singing of Christmas Carols on the lawn. We will also have hot chocolate and cookies served in the Social Room for all those in attendance.

The youth, under the direction of the Youth Fundraising Committee, [Missy Starner and Ruth Hoover, chairpersons] will be making Luminaries to be placed along the sidewalks on the evening of the Nativity. The congregation and others will memorialize or honor specific people through names being placed on the luminaries as they purchase them to help sponsor the youth programs, mission trips, etc.

Watch the upcoming bulletins for more details.



*In memory of and in honor
of our loved ones.*



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Thank you to all who donated to our Harvest Home Project. Approx. 5 boxes of food were packed and made ready for the Rescue Mission to pickup and use to prepare Thanksgiving baskets to those in need.

Social Hour Hosts – 2010-11

December – Youth Group
January – Church Council



*In The
Spirit Of
Giving...*

Nickel Jar: *December*
Christ Lutheran Church (Filey's) Dillsburg

TREASURER'S REPORT - MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Oct. 2010</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Current Receipts	\$21,989.93	\$140,036.44
Current Disbursements	<u>\$17,504.24</u>	<u>\$143,891.48</u>
Current Receipts less		
Disbursements	\$ 4,485.69	(\$ 3,855.04)
Benevolence Receipts	\$ 927.00	\$ 7,938.05
Benevolence Disbursement	\$ 927.00	\$ 7,938.05

AN ADVENT OFFERING ENVELOPE



(replacing \$10 quarter coin folder) is included with this Newsletter. Please use this envelope for your Advent Offering as you used the coin folder. Church Council has

designated that funds received in the 2010 Advent offering envelopes will be distributed as follows:

- 50% to Harvest of Hope Food Bank
- 50% St. James' Good Samaritan Fund





THANK YOU NOTES:

Pastor Brenda and friends at St. James, I sincerely want to thank all of you who made my illness these past few months seem like a “God Given Journey.” It has been hard but with all of you supporting me with calls and cards it has been worthwhile. Thanks also to a supportive and caring husband. *Love, Agnes Stough*

Dear Friends at St. James, Thanks so much for all those pillows. Your generous in-kind gift makes an immediate, positive impact in the lives of families as they work to regain their independence here in our shared community. *Gratefully, Janel C. Fox, Bell Shelter*

Dear St. James Lutheran Church, Thank you for the special way you are impacting the mission and ministries of the ELCA. I gratefully acknowledge your ELCA Good Gifts of \$1,505 and \$282 received on October 4th and 7th. Thanks to your generosity, the ELCA today is a church at work in the world, doing God’s work with our hands, proclaiming Christ’s redeeming love to all. *Sincerely yours, Cynthia J. Halverson, ELCA Foundation.*

Dear Friends in Christ, Your prayers, get-well wishes, and birthday cards were very comforting at York Hospital and now during my convalescence at home. It is amazing how attached you become to a prayer shawl and the solace it provides when you are in a lonely hospital room. It must be the love that is woven into them by the women of the church.

Pastor Brenda, you always seemed to arrive at just the right time! And, no matter where they moved me, you knew right where to find me. I always felt better after your visits and prayers. Thank you to all---I know your prayers, love, and support will also carry me through my surgery scheduled for November 19.

Sincerely yours, Ralph Ashton

THANK YOU NOTES continued

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the ladies who recently cleaned the church kitchen. Judy Cooper, Sonja Hoke, Norma Smith, Pat Mummert, and Nancy Laird.



Dave Smith and Tom Meckley assisted as needed

Dear Friends and Members of St. James Church, Thank you very much for the lovely birthday cards and telephone calls that I received. . I got 31 cards hanging on the wall and on picture frames. Hope to see you real soon. Just came in from the little ones, they were all dressed up waiting for candy (Halloween.) My roommate and I were dressed up like bumblebees giving out candy in the hall. It was so warm, came back to my room and turned on the fan and got ready for bed. I think of you often.

Goodnight and love to all, Edna Senft

THANK YOU to [all who ate at Hoss's for the](#) Mission Travel Group fundraiser. [We made \\$129.65 and had \\$10 donated by some people that could not attend.](#) [Thank you for your continuing support. Mark Snyder. Thank you, Mark Snyder](#)



Thank you to Joan Boyer for all her kindness for many of our social activities. Joan, through her employer, Turkey Hill, provides ice cream for many of our events, church picnic, VBS, Sr. Members meetings, fellowship nights, etc. THANK YOU, Joan.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL -

12/01 KOLLER, Brock Daniel, 1325 Wellington Dr., 17408
12/02 EYSTER, Nancy, 1726 W. Philadelphia St., 17404
12/03 RAFFERTY, Rosemary, 1660 North Drive, 17408
12//06 SHULTZ, Gail, 256 N. Seward St., 17404
12/09 HESS, Robert , 2802 Anita Drive, Dover, 17315
12/10 WAGNER, Elizabeth R., 1425 W. King St., 17404
12/14 COOPER, Judith, 838 W. College Ave., 17401
12/15 BOLLINGER, Jennifer, 216 N. Williams St., 17404
12/15 BOLLINGER, Robert, 216 N. Williams St., 17404
12/15 OERMAN, Mary E., Kelly Manor,
750 Kelly Dr., 17404 – Room 108
12/18 RICE, Michael, 108 N. Williams St., 17404
12/19 HOACHLANDER, Alysha,
131 S. Clinton St., 17404
12/20 McCLELLAN, Rebecca, (Kern)
718 Lakewood Ave., Baltimore, MD 21224
12/22 DRAWBAUGH, Sarah, 1700 Woodberry Road, 17408
12/22 EDWARDS, Nancy, 74 Fox Run Drive, 17403
12/23 DENNIS, Mary, 1886 Filbert St., 17404
12/23 RICE, Ashley, 108 N. Williams St., 17404
12/24 MUMMERT, Joyce, 123 S. Clinton St., 17404
12/26 HOFFMAN, G. Jeanne, 1484 W. Princess St., 17404
12/28 HENRY, Lowell, 320 Richardson Rd., 17408
12/29 BECKER, Natalie S., 2375 Sprenkle Ct., 17408
12/29 BOYER, Gladys, 2600 Sunset Lane, 17408
12/29 FERREE, Pastor Brenda,
12194 High Point Rd., Felton, PA 17322
12/29 HENZE, Linda A., 2003 W. Philadelphia St., 17404
12/29 VARNER, Hailey Elizabeth, 1725 Ashland Rd., 17408
12/30 CLARK, Linda, 146 Fountain Drive, 17402
12/31 NUNES, Christopher, 2014 W. 29th Street, Erie, PA 16508



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL - JANUARY 2011

01/01 KERN, Philip E., Jr., 2215 W. Market St., 17404
01//02 KRAUT, Robert K., 755 Colony Drive, 17404
01/02 STARNER, Bryce W., 2411 Emiray Court, 17403
01/03 ASHTON, Jean Marie,
1715 Park Road, Spring Grove, 17362
01/03 GLATFELTER, Phillip, III, 131 S. Clinton St., 17404
01/05 GERRICK, Kurt, 420 Forest Hill Circle, York, 17406
01/06 HEBERLIG, Nathan, 2960 Loman Ave., York, 17408
01/08 SHIREY, Janet, 679 Colony Drive, 17404
01/09 BRODBECK, Susan, 1105 Church Road, 17404
01/11 ZEMAITIS, Ruth, 1005A Priority Road, 17404
01/15 BOYER, Raymond E., 1630 Woodberry Rd., 17408
01/17 MERGENTHALER, H. Lee,
Pleasant Acres – Room 405, 118 Pleasant Acres RD, 17402
01/17 WEAVER, William G., 3322 Groton Lane, Dover, 17315
01/19 ALTLAND, Philip J., 1313 Wellington Dr., 17408
01/19 HOACHLANDER, Elizabeth, 131 S. Clinton St., 17404
01/20 WILHELM, Richard I., 17 S. Clinton Street, 17404
01/21 STOUGH, Agnes, 3253 Falcon Lane, Dover, 17315
01/23 MEALS, William L., Jr., 2483 Pin Oak Drive, 17406
01/24 DIETZ, Jane, 3400 Willow Road, Dover, PA 17315
01/25 BOYER, Jon S., 2007 Stanton Street, 17404
01/25 MARKEY, Phyllis,
3 Waterway Court, 4-D, The Woodlands, TX 77380
01/26 BOYER, Steven, 2007 Stanton St., 17404
01/26 HART, Michael C., 45 N. Pearl Street, 17404
01/28 STARNER, Deborah, 2669 Clearsprings Blvd, 17406
01/29 MIEDWIG, Norma J., 250 Edinburgh Road, York, 17406
01/29 STARNER, Jeffrey C., 2411 Emiray Court, York, 17403
01/30 HOKE, Matthew, 4052 Eldine Ave., 17408 01/31
01/31 HESS, Dana (Boyer)
55 Yarrow Court, Manchester, PA 17345



