

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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Summer Edition – June, July, August 2011

PASTOR'S TABLE TALK

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

What Do Lutherans Believe?

Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, Eucharist, Mass, the Sacrament of the Altar, the Divine Liturgy, and the Divine Service are all names of the sacrament we receive each Sunday. As Lutherans we believe Jesus Christ is truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

In the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, and the Formula of Concord, [foundational statements of our beliefs as Lutherans] statements are clear, such as this: “We believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper the body and blood of Christ are truly and essentially present, truly distributed and received with the bread and wine. We believe, teach, and confess that the words of the testament of Christ are not to be understood in any other way than the way they literally sound, that is, not that the bread *symbolizes* the absent body and the wine the absent blood of Christ, but that they are truly the true body and blood of Christ.”

It is solely and alone the almighty power of our Lord Jesus Christ that comes to us in the bread and wine and effects this presence.

We believe, teach, and confess that the body and blood of Christ are received not only spiritually through faith but also orally with the bread and wine through a supernatural, heavenly sacramental union of the elements.

The words of Christ clearly demonstrate this, when Christ said, “take, eat, and drink,” and the apostles did this. For it is written in Mark 14:23, “and they all drank from it.” Saint Paul also says, in 1 Corinthians 10:16, “The bread which we break, is a Communion with the body of Christ, that is, who eats this bread eats the body of Christ.”

Christ instituted Holy Communion particularly for Christians who are weak in faith but repentant, to comfort them and to strengthen their weak faith.

The effects of receiving the Holy Communion are: We receive Christ’s seal and testimony of the forgiveness of sins; those who receive it are made alive by being joined to Christ; we are strengthened in our faith; we receive God’s grace and Spirit; a soothing of our troubled lives is given; we are awakened and strengthened in our faith and comforted in our conscience.

We celebrate Holy Communion weekly as the early Lutheran congregations did as stated in *The Use of the Means of Grace, A Statement of the Practice of Word and Sacrament*, E.L.C.A., August 19, 1997, page 39, “The Church celebrates the Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church’s fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained.”

The members of this church are encouraged to make the sacrament a frequent rather than an occasional part of our lives as we receive Holy Communion at weekly services of the church.

If this has stirred your interest and you have questions or would like to talk more about the Sacrament, please contact me and we can talk.

Peace in Our Risen Lord,
Pastor Brenda

UPDATE ON PASTOR’S HEALTH STATUS

We give thanks to God for the healing of Pastor Brenda’s cancer diagnosis. All treatments are ended and the PET Scan results showed, “No cancer cells or disease.” We give thanks to God for each of you and the love and care you gave to Steve, Pastor, and our family throughout the time of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. Your prayers, cards, calls, visits, and gifts, were all a part of the healing process. Your attentiveness to our needs have been expressions of God’s love and we will never forget your ministering to us throughout this time.

*In the love of Christ,
Pastor Brenda, Steve, and family*

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

June 5 – We welcome the following **New Members into the congregation of St. James**: Nancy Noss-Absher, Dennis Wagner, and Kenneth Hoke.

Recognition of the Evangelism Ministries of St. James: Prayer Chain, Fellowship Committee, V.B.S. teachers and assistants, Website leaders, Hospitality and Evangelism Committee.

Dedication of the Easter banner in memory of Donald Markey by Phyllis Markey.

June 12 – Day of Pentecost worship service with Holy Baptism
We welcome into our congregation through Holy Baptism, the twin sons of Brandon and Michele Bailey; Brady Scott and Bode Lee. Brady and Bode are also the great-grandsons of Dee Bailey. Recognition of college graduates: Zachary Snyder and Ann Funkhouser.

ALSO on THE DAY of PENTECOST – June 12 – Please wear RED! We wear red on Pentecost because it is a symbol of flames of fire, a description of the Holy Spirit read Acts 2:2-4. It is also the color that signifies Saints and Martyrs.

THANKS to those who are now Assisting Ministers. You have blessed both Pastor and congregation with your leading in worship over these past months! Beginning June 19 through Sept. 11, as we worship in the Adult Sunday School Room, we will not schedule A. M.'s. Schedule will begin on Sept. 18 as we resume worship in the sanctuary. Thank you all! *Pastor Brenda*

“CASUAL WORSHIP” We begin on **Sunday, June 19** to worship in the Adult Sunday School Room at 9:00 a.m. This is always a more casual feeling service, as we worship in another environment. Please invite your neighbor, family, or friends to worship and to any of our other events this summer. And remember, the church never goes on vacation, so your usual weekly gifts are needed throughout the summer as always.

July 10 – Blessing of Vacation Bible School Teachers and Assistants.

July 17 – V.B.S. Sunday. All are invited to this exciting worship service as the children share with the congregation and their parents and friends, all they have learned in V.B.S. week. There will be no Holy Communion during the service.

August 28 – Blessing of Students, Teachers, and those who serve in public or private schools. All students, teachers, and those who serve in schools receive a Prayer of Blessing as they return to school and begin a new year.

September 18— Return to worship in Sanctuary

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**“FIRST WEDNESDAY” WEEK-DAY
HOLY COMMUNION and SERVICE OF HEALING**
Monthly 1st Wednesday services will resume in September.

UPDATE - SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly will meet on June 2-4 at Messiah College in Grantham, PA. The theme for this the 24th annual Assembly is, “God’s Work. Our Hands...Throughout the World.”

Our voting representatives from St. James are Ronald Herman, Susan Martin, and Pastor Brenda.

Participants in this year’s Synod Assembly will have an opportunity to pack health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our goal is to pack 800 kits for transport to New Windsor.

The Rev. Dr. Ruth E. Hamilton, executive for administration and governance in the Office of the Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is the churchwide representative to the assembly.

THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE NAIL-CLIPPER COLLECTION FOR THE HEALTH KITS

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Classes for ALL continue through June 12th

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday, **June 19th through September 11th**, following the Children's Time, the children are invited to join in the Primary Sunday School Room for a lesson and craft.

Sunday School for ALL resumes in September
watch for start up date.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Sponsored by Christian Ed. Committee

Saturday, June 11th, 2 – 4:00 P.M.
on the front lawn



Come out for some strawberries & ice cream, strawberry shortcake, and all the fixins'. There will be games for the little ones and a stand to sign-up for the 2011 PandaMania Vacation Bible School Program that will be held July 11th – 15th, 6-8:30 p.m. Classes for children ages 3-12 and a class for Adults also.

Church Council Corner - "TIDBITS"

Please watch the summer bulletins for COUNCIL TIDBITS!



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, due to HIPPA regulations, we have not been informed of admissions, and 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.

"GROUP NEWS / COMMITTEE NEWS"



ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS Group will meet on **Thursday, June 2nd** at 11:30 A.M. in the Social Room. Bring a sandwich of your choice, beverage and dessert (strawberries and ice cream) will be provided. Join Phil and Linda Kern for a Mediterranean Travelogue. They will share sights and sounds from fifteen ports of call in nine Mediterranean Countries. Please come and enjoy the food, fellowship and our scheduled program. We welcome all new attendees, no dues to pay; we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.

Thursday, July 7th - Picnic at Rocky Ridge Park, Pheasant Pavilion - 12:00 Noon. Chicken and beverage to be provided, everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and a BINGO PRIZE (not to exceed \$1.25). Please come and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. We welcome all new attendees, no dues to pay; we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.

August 2010 - NO MEETING - next scheduled meeting will be September 1st.

SUNSHINE WORKERS CLASS EVENTS:

Ladies will meet on **Monday, June 6th** at 12 noon in the social room for a covered dish luncheon / class meeting. All are welcome to come out and join with the class for fellowship, food and fun. Bring a covered dish to share.

No class meeting in July.

August 29th – Covered Dish Picnic / Class Meeting – 12:00 noon
Social room at St. James. Again, all are welcome!

SUNSHINE WORKERS – continued

SUNSHINE WORKERS' BREAKFASTS

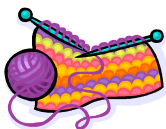
Alexander's Restaurant – 8:30 a.m.
Thursdays, **June 16th, July 21st, August 18th**
Come out and start your day with us.



BINGO for residents at Kelly Manor – June 13th – 2:00 p.m.
Sprenkle Village – July 14th – 10:15 a.m.
Kelly Manor – August 8th – 2:00 p.m.

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 –

Next Pretzel Sandwich Sale will be September 21st. Order forms will be in the September Newsletter, available on the pamphlet rack and in a Sunday Bulletin. Deadline for ordering will be Sept. 11th.



DAY OF PENTECOST GERANIUM SALE –
Thank you to all who purchase geraniums that will be used to decorate the church on June 12th. A portion of the purchase price will be donated to Lutheran Social Services Auxiliary in lieu of our participating in their Mother's Day Geranium Sale.

HOSPITALITY AND EVANGELISM

Linda Kern graciously accepted leadership of this committee following Pastor's request and committee's discussion and unanimous decision. Thanks Linda!

We will be looking for volunteers to contact inactive members. Instruction on techniques to use in talking to members will be offered to volunteers. Please consider helping with this important endeavor.

Upcoming events – mark your calendar:

1. Fellowship Committee Progressive Picnic, July 31, 2011. Watch bulletins for sign up information.
2. Fellowship Committee will sponsor an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 1, 2011, 4-7 PM. Authentic German food will be served. Watch for more information and ticket sales in September.
3. Sweetest Day Tea and Bible Study for Women of St. James. October 15, 2011.
4. Book Sale – Date to be determined. Start collecting your books and watch for dates to bring to St. James beginning in September. Contact Mike Cooper, chair, to help with sale.

YOUTH GROUP

Meeting June 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Youth Room. Discussion on St. James Youth attending the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering. Girls bring snacks.



Discussion on a Youth outreach project for the year.

Activities and meetings for rest of summer to be decided and advertised in bulletins.

UPDATE ON HAITI

Continue to pray for the people of Haiti and give generously to help Haitians rebuild their country, said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), in a television interview with well-known agricultural journalist Orion Samuelson. But Hanson said that even though the spirit of the Haitian people is strong, it is important not to underestimate the challenges ahead.

ELCA members have given more than \$12.9 million to the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal in response to the earthquake in Haiti, 100 percent of which is being used to provide relief and recovery in Haiti. The ELCA is now engaged in a five-year redevelopment plan in the country. A hallmark of the ELCA's response to widespread disasters is to assist with both immediate needs and engage in long-term sustainable redevelopment efforts, working alongside people who live in the area.

The ELCA is involved in a reforestation project with Haitians and partners in The Lutheran World Federation and the Lutheran Church in Haiti, Hanson said. Two-thirds of the forests in Haiti have been cut down, and there is no process for reforestation.

Chickens are being provided to some 200 farmers to develop an egg production cooperative. "That's going to bring capacity to feed families that (are) part of this cooperative," Hanson said.

Hanson also spoke of a Haitian coffee cooperative initiated years before the earthquake through a gift from the ELCA World Hunger program. That cooperative is now a \$1 million-per-year business, he said. It employs about 200 women in the community and is part of the ELCA's commitment to sustainable development.

Another hopeful sign is the construction of a vocational training center, to be built on the structure of an old sugar factory, Hanson said. The day he was there, 40 young people signed up for the vocational training program in building construction, Hanson said,

adding that the center was made possible through funding provided by ELCA members.

Information about the ELCA's response to the disaster in Haiti, including how to give, is at <http://www.ELCA.org/disaster> on the ELCA Web site.

ELCA UPDATES ON DISASTERS IN USA

Updates on the recent tornados and flooding in our country and how you can help through contributions through ELCA Disaster Relief can be found on the Bulletin Board at the main entrance door. [Adams Street]

THANK YOU NOTES as received:



I want to thank everyone for the lovely flowers. Sorry I was not at home to receive them. Thank You. Edna Berkheimer

To Rev. Brenda Ferree, Pastor, Thanks very much for the beautiful flowers you have sent to me. I really appreciate them, they are beautiful. I miss coming to church. They have church here at Providence Place. Again, thanks a lot, they are very much appreciated. *Catherine Berkheimer*

We express our thanks to Sunshine Workers Class for their donation of \$100 to the electric upgrade fund.

I want to thank my friends at St. James for cards, palms, and the beautiful flowers that were delivered to me by Janice Sewell at Easter time. We had a lovely chat about St. James.

The Peace of the Lord be with you ALL, Love, Betty Gross

Dear Members, Thank you for the beautiful flowers from the service. They put another bright spot in my day. *Cleo Eppley*

Dear Friends at St. James, Thanks so much for all the towels, all greatly appreciated.

Coordinator

**THE BIG EVENT: LSS FOUNDER'S DAY –
Village at Sprenkle Drive, Saturday, June 4th, 10AM – 3PM**

Help is needed with “Desserts. Donations of Pies, Cakes, Fudge, etc. are needed. Donations may be dropped off in the conference room at Sprenkle Village. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MONTHLY UPDATE

	<u>April, 2011</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Current Receipts	\$ 17,979.19	\$ 60,645.66
Current Disbursements	\$ 17,263.14	\$ 65,470.27
Current Receipts less		
Disbursements	\$ 716.05	[\$ 4,824.61]
Benevolence Receipts	\$ 737.00	\$ 3,224.50
Benevolence Disbursement	\$ 1,647.00	\$ 3,224.50
	\$ 910.00	-0-

Remitted March & April Benevolence in April
We are now current.



DON'T FORGET – Your weekly church offerings continue to be needed during the summer months. Please continue to bring offerings weekly or mail to the church office if you are going to be away. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Kessler, Marlin C., 1170 Pine Ridge Circle W, Apt. C1,
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688-6451
Senft, Edna, Brethren Home – please change room # to 3617

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – being received on June 5th

Hoke, Kenneth, 4052 Eldine Dr., 17408-9330, 792-0245
Noss-Absher, Nancy, 2530 Pin Oak Drive, 17406-7535, 843-1627

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

June 01	Leah Strathmeyer,
June 02	Wayne Nary
June 04	Cameron Knaub,
June 05	Louise Klinedinst
June 08	Michelle Rhoads
June 13	Bradley Rinehart,
June 16	Jacqueline Nunes
June 17	Deborah Darr
June 19	Robert Koller
June 20	Michael Boyer
June 21	James Schroyer
June 22	William Beecher
June 24	Michael Zinn, Jr.
June 25	Effie Shetter
June 26	Kyla Ensor,
June 26	Dorothy Koller
June 29	Janice Sewell
June 30	Rodney Drawbaugh
June 30	Tiger Welkom
July 02	Doris Henry
July 03	Chad Starner
July 04	Barbara Keeney
July 05	Matthew Zinn
July 07	Janet Hershey
July 09	James Boyer
July 09	Sherri Jennings
July 11	Emma Peart
July 12	Amber Swope
July 15	Kenneth Gerrick
July 15	Bethany Welkom
July 17	Jean Ashton
July 20	Charles A. Slenker
July 21	Barbara Eline,
July 23	Clyde Stough
July 24	Debra Meckley



July 24 Donna Orris
July 24 Colleen Snyder
July 25 Brandon Sheffer
July 26 Rachel Reynolds
July 26 William Starner
July 27 Kelly Scott
July 28 Sara Elicker
July 28 Matthew Ensor
July 29 Shirley Trout



Aug. 01 Jacob Henze
Aug. 02 Mark Hoover
Aug. 05 Treva Hovis
Aug. 06 Genevieve Ketterman
Aug. 06 Jackie Scott
Aug. 09 Michael Cooper
Aug. 09 Taylor Hoke
Aug. 09 Linda Kern
Aug. 11 Ben Hoover
Aug. 12 Rodney Lentz
Aug. 13 Lindsey Keeney
Aug. 13 Richard Laird
Aug. 16 Gloria E. Miedwig
Aug. 16 Sylvia A. Miedwig
Aug. 17 Jean Wetzel
Aug. 19 Robert Ketterman
Aug. 20 Dawn McWilliams
Aug. 21 Anita Ashton
Aug. 22 Beverly Ensor
Aug. 28 Bernard Kauffman
Aug. 28 Sarah Peart
Aug. 31 Barbara Barnhart
Aug. 31 Dolores Nary

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK

***July 11-15, 2011 - 6:00 to 8:30 P.M.
Children [ages 3-12] and Adults***

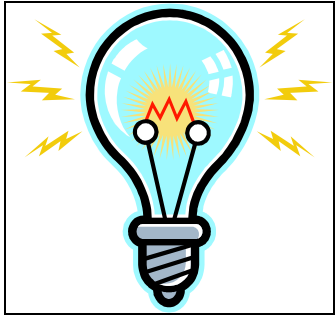
***Closing Program
Sunday, July 17th - 9:00 A. M.***



***Watch for more details and
registration forms!***

***Organizational Meeting - June 15th - 6:30 p.m.
Any questions - contact Jeanie Rice [968-7322]***

**MEMBERS
PLEASE MAKE
NOTE!!**



I. B. Abel Electrical Contractors are scheduled to begin working on the electrical upgrade here at St. James on June 6th. Some prep work might be started on May 31st.

WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT WE
WILL HAVE A TOTAL ELECTRIC SHUT
DOWN FOR **3 DAYS:**
JUNE 7th, 8th, and 9th

ALL electric and phone service
will be disabled during this time.



During shut-down time Pastor Brenda and Pat will be working at their homes and possibly in the office. If you have a pastoral emergency or need to have contact with the church office for any reason Pastor Brenda or Pat may be reached by calling the numbers listed below.

Pastor Brenda: 244-4633, 542-3505
Pat: 767-4360



[All items in the refrigerator and freezer must be removed by Sunday, June 5th – anything remaining when the electric is shut off will be discarded.]