

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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May, 2011

PASTOR'S TABLE TALK

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

What Do Lutherans Believe?

The Pastor's Table Talk in the next few newsletters will be about some of the most important principles we Lutherans believe. These understandings are taken from the booklet, "*The Use of the Means of Grace*," a statement on the practice of Word and Sacrament, adopted by the E. L.C.A. [The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America], the Lutheran body to which we belong, and adopted in 1997.

The first is Holy Baptism, Principle 14. In Holy Baptism the Triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the Church. Holy Baptism is received by faith alone.

By water and the Word in Baptism, we are liberated from sin and death by being joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Baptism God seals us by the Holy Spirit and marks us with the cross of Christ forever. Baptism inaugurates a life of discipleship in the death and resurrection of Christ. Baptism conforms us to the death and resurrection of Christ precisely so that we repent and

receive forgiveness, love our neighbors, suffer for the sake of the Gospel, and witness to Christ.

Baptism is for the sake of life in Christ and in the body of Christ, the Church. Individuals are baptized, yet this Baptism forms a community. It is for children. It is for adults. It is done once, yet it is for all of our life.

One great source of the teaching and practice of the Church regarding Baptism was given to the Church by Jesus Christ in the “Great Commission,” [Matthew 28:19-20] “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jesus also speaks of his own baptism by John in the river Jordan, and in the baptism of the cross. [Luke 12;50, Mark 10;38]

Other passages are also part of the biblical tradition of the origin and meaning of Baptism. While Jesus is the eternal Son of God, all who are baptized into him are adopted as beloved children of God. With Jesus all the baptized are anointed by the outpoured Spirit. Because of Jesus we are, through Baptism, gathered and included in the life of the Triune God.

If you or someone you know have questions or would like to discuss Baptism training please contact me.

*Peace in Christ,
Pastor Brenda*

SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Last, but certainly not least, Steve and I continue to be blessed by our St. James family especially since my diagnosis and treatment of cancer. As the chemotherapy treatments have ended and the radiation treatments will be completed in the beginning of May, we look forward to good results on May 9 from the PET Scan taken on May 3. Please continue to pray for us as we reorient ourselves back to a more normal life. We thank each of you for

the many cards, gifts, prayers, food, and phone conversations. These are the things we all need when we go through loss, trials, or illness. Your outreach continues to remind us that we are not alone during these times. God has touched us through each of you in different ways, for these are the ways God uses us in the lives of others. We give God thanks for you and pray God continues to bless you as together we do the ministry of His Church, here, at St. James.

*In the peace of Christ, who is our hope,
Pastor Brenda and Steve*

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

May 1 during the regular worship service we will have a “Blessing of the Shawls” that have been created since last summer, by the Threads of Compassion.

May 8 –Youth Sunday - The Youth will be doing the entire service accompanied by Pastor Brenda. Preacher-Bobby Bollinger, Assisting Minister-Wesley Ashton, Children’s Time-Jenny Bollinger and Riley Burns, Readers-Bryce Starner and Riley Burns, Greeters, Allie Laird and Ashley Alwine, Acolyte-Alex Alwine Usher Team Leader—Tom Henry. Ben Hoover, Alex Alwine, Celeste Bitting, Allie Laird, Olivia Drawbaugh, Ashley Alwine. Communion Assistants—Wesley Ashton, [bread], Ben Hoover and Olivia Drawbaugh, [pourers], Celeste Bitting and Allie Laird, [cups], Ashley Alwine and Jenny Bollinger, [trays].

“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.

REMINDER to those with reservations: OUR ST. JAMES MOTHER / DAUGHTER / CHILDREN BANQUET

will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011
at 6:30 p.m. in the social room.



REMINDER: Social Hour Hosts (2011)

May - Choirs



Church Council Corner - "TIDBITS"

At the time of this meeting, the number of hymnals available for purchase was 56.

The contract with IB Abel to start the electrical upgrade in May was signed.

The youth will be meeting the last Sunday evening of the month. We still need a volunteer to be youth leader. May 8th will be Youth Sunday.

Needed repairs to the organ were discussed at length. This will be very expensive whether we just do the needed repairs or opt for the rebuild.

There is going to be a Strawberry Festival on June 11th.

Vacation Bible School dates are July 11-15.

CHURCH PICNIC COMING SOON!

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 22

AT BROOKSIDE PARK



The annual Congregational Picnic is May 22nd. It will take place at Brookside Park at 12 noon. We will play BINGO and have a CAKE WALK, so we'll need donations of bingo PRIZES and CAKES for the cake walk. We'll also have some games for kids.

**Ticket prices will remain the same as last year-
\$7.00 for chicken dinner and \$3.00 for hot dog dinner.**
Tickets will go on sale May 1st in the Social Room after services.

+ PLEASE NOTE +

**THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT
9:00 A.M. AT THE CHURCH – not Brookside Park
FOLLOWING WORSHIP, WE HOPE EVERYONE
WILL COME TO THE PICNIC!**

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THANK YOU NOTES as received:



Lee Paxton wishes to express his thanks for the prayers and visits from Pastor Brenda and many others from St. James. *Sincerely Jean Paxton*

THANK YOU NOTES continued:

Many, Many Thanks, *What a Surprise!* Thanks to the Christian Ed. Committee for honoring my retirement from teaching for 36 years. We have always had and still have so many dedicated, wonderful teachers here at St. James. I feel very humble to be included among them. Thanks for the cake, album, notes from teachers, students, and friends.

I love St. James and pray that maybe I touched just one child during my years of teaching.

Glory be to God. God Bless All of You, *Sincerely, Janice Sewell*

Raymond Boyer sends his thanks to “Threads of Compassion” for the prayer shawl that was delivered to him. It is very much appreciated.

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LENTEN THANKS

A special thanks to all who participated with monologues: Rod Drawbaugh, Jeff Laird, Deb Meckley, and Mike Cooper. Also to Christian Ed, Music and Worship, and Sunshine Workers for the delicious soup and bread at our “simple suppers” this year; to the ushers and Altar Guild; to the Choirs and Tina and to all behind the scenes who made the services meaningful.

Also special thanks to “The St. James Players”: Phil Kern, Jeff Laird, Deb Meckley, Mark Snyder, and Mike Cooper for the meaningful dramatic narration of the Passion of Our Lord on Palm/ Passion Sunday, April 17.

To all who helped to assist and respond quickly to the request of the Crime Victims Rights Community Awareness Day, Saturday, April 16th 12 – 4 PM at St. James. This was a tremendous success in our outreach to our community and to introduce St. James to all those in attendance some of which were: West York Police, West York Block Watch, B.A.R.K., Domestic Violence, NAMI, and 20 other exhibitors. Special Thanks to Dave and

Norma Smith, Judy Cooper, and Tom Meckley for their “hands on” help.

“GROUP NEWS / COMMITTEE NEWS”

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS will meet on Thursday, May 5th, 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 Ruthmary Zupan McIlhenney portraying "Mamie Eisenhower". We welcome all new attendees, no dues to pay; we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.

SUNSHINE WORKERS CLASS EVENTS:

No class meeting this month. Ladies of the class will be attending the Lutheran Social Services Recognition Luncheon at the Holiday Inn on Monday, May 2nd.

SUNSHINE WORKERS’ BREAKFAST
Alexander’s Restaurant – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 19th
Come out and start your day with us.



BINGO for residents at Kelly Manor –
May 19th – Sprengle Village – 10:15 a.m. .

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - PICNIC SUNDAY, May 22nd.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TEAM



“*Threads of Compassion.*” Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 P.M. in the parlor. If interested in joining the group please contact Peg Funkhouser for more details.

HOSPITALITY AND EVANGELISM

1. Results of Activity Survey:

Thank you to the fourteen people who responded to the survey. Of those 14 people - most volunteered for more than one project. There is a volunteer to chair the book sale. If you didn't return a survey but are willing to help with any type of project please inform a member of the Hospitality and Evangelism committee. Without sufficient volunteer help, these types of projects are not realistic for our congregation to undertake. Watch the newsletters and bulletins for additional information.

- Book Sale – 12
- Holiday Bazaar – 12
- Rummage Sale – 9
- Other: Public Dinner – 6

2. Save the date: Women of the congregation are invited to a Sweetest Day Tea and Bible Study. October 15th, 2011. More information to follow.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

March 2011 - Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale - Profit \$1,067.29
 Distribution \$ 106.29 – 10% to church
 75.00 – Easter Coffee Social
 286.00 – American Red Cross
 600.00 – Shaylah Saylor Account
 \$1,067.29 (Felton family in need)

Next Sandwich Sale – May 11th – deadline for orders – May 1st

Daffodil Day – March 20th - 44 bunches purchased

Geraniums – Day of Pentecost – June 12, 2011 – order forms enclosed

Next Social Ministry meeting – May 23 – 6:30 p.m.

Social Ministry continued:

We continue to collect 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

Youth Fun Night at Hershey Bear game on April 10. Those who attended had a great time. Thanks to Jeff Laird for arranging.

MEETING – Sunday May 1st – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Boys to bring snacks and beverages.

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 REPORT - MONTHLY UPDATE

	<u>March, 2011</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Current Receipts	\$ 12,980.07	\$ 42,666.47
Current Disbursements	<u>\$ 15,416.38</u>	<u>\$ 48,207.13</u>
Current Receipts less Disbursements	[\$ 2,436.31]	[\$ 5,540.66]
Benevolence Receipts	\$ 910.00	\$ 2,487.50
Benevolence Disbursement	<u>\$ 654.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,577.50</u>
	\$ 255.50	\$ 910.00



Sent in February's Benevolence, holding March's Benevolence
per Council President's approval.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 04 Pat Mummert
May 04 Karen Snyder
May 05 Ronald Herman
May 05 Carolyn Levisky
May 07 Betsy Hake
May 07 Carol Knaub
May 09 Fred Loucks
May 14 Glenn Shirey
May 16 Madeline Brodbeck
May 17 David Scott
May 19 Norma Smith
May 21 John W. Besore, III
May 21 Janet Jamison
May 21 Alexandria Laird
May 22 Shirley Neibert,
May 23 Emily Kramer
May 23 Jan Lehman
May 23 Dennis Swope
May 24 Joel Hershey
May 24 Dorothy Tyndal
May 27 Tyler Lewis
May 27 Floranna Nicholson
May 28 William Rice
May 29 Tracey Bitting
May 29 Kathryn King
May 30 Tammy Loucks

We express our deepest sympathy to the Gloria Marley and the family and friends of George H. Emig, Jr. George died suddenly on Sunday, April 10th. Pastor Brenda conducted a memorial service at Emig Funeral Home on Thursday, April 14th, with burial in Salem Union Cemetery.



DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Emig, George – deceased 4/10/2011
Fishel, Dolores, Broadmore Assisted Living
2405 Knob Hill Road, York, 17403



RENTAL UNIT AVAILABLE –
Contact Deb Rinehart (717) 309-6093
1431 W. Market 1st Floor apartment will be
available May 1st.



