

St. James Lutheran Church

9:00 A.M. Worship Service – 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
The Rev. Brenda Ferree, Pastor

November , 2011



PASTOR'S TABLE TALK

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

What Do Lutherans Believe?

FAITH FOUNDED ON THE GOOD NEWS

We continue with our thoughts on What Lutherans Believe? As we celebrate the Reformation of the Church and the founding of our denomination. Here are some "*Basics*" from the E.L.C.A website <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/The-Basics/What-Lutherans-Believe.aspx> .

Lutherans are Christians who accept the teachings of Martin Luther (1483 – 1546). Luther was a German theologian who realized that there were significant differences between what he read in the Bible and the practices of the Roman Catholic Church at that time. On October 31, 1517, he posted a challenge on the door of Wittenberg University, titled "95 Theses" (to debate 95 theological issues). His hope was that the church would reform its practice and preaching to be more consistent with the Word of God as contained in the Bible.

What started as an academic debate escalated into a distinct separation between the Roman Catholic Church of the time and those who accepted Luther's suggested reforms. "Lutheran" became the name of the group that agreed with Luther's convictions.

Today, nearly five centuries later, Lutherans still celebrate the Reformation on October 31 and still hold to the basic principles of

Luther's theological teachings, such as **Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone**. These comprise the very essence of Lutheranism:

- We are saved by the **grace of God alone** -- not by anything we do;
- Our salvation is through **faith alone** -- a confident trust in God, who in Christ promises us forgiveness, life and salvation; and
- The **Bible is the norm** for faith and life -- the true standard by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

Saved by Grace through Faith, this could be called the credo of the Lutheran church as it was Martin Luther's understanding gained from his study of the Scriptures. May we live our lives knowing God's grace and may others hear from us this freedom in living in grace.

Your servant in Jesus Christ,

Pastor Brenda

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Please consider serving on the Council as we move forward in the ministry of St. James. The Council serves as having general oversight of the life and the activities of the congregation. The St. James Council members are both supportive and respectful of one another. The meetings are both thoughtful and casual as the council works together on planning and making decisions.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the election of councilpersons will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, November 20th** following the 9AM worship service. The Nominating Committee is in the process of recruiting people to serve on council with the term beginning on January 1, 2012. Anyone interested in serving is asked to please contact a member of the nominating committee, any Council member, or Pastor Brenda.

BIBLE STUDY-- THE GREATEST STORY—JESUS

Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. This is a 16 session study called "**The Greatest Story—Jesus.**" Participants are journeying through the Gospel narratives: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in this exciting exploration of the life and ministry of Jesus.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

On Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. we will be having New Members Classes. These classes are open to anyone considering becoming a member of St. James or to anyone interested in learning more about our faith. Covered topics include: Basic Christian and Lutheran Understandings, Brief History of the Bible, Luther and the Reformation, and Lutheran Practices, along with St. James: Its History and The Church Today. Please contact Pastor Brenda if you would like to come to the classes.



Social Hour Hosts

November – Sunshine Workers
December – Youth

SPECIAL SERVICES

REFORMATION FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday, October 30th – 9AM we celebrate the heart of our faith: the Gospel of Christ—the Good News—that makes us free! We focus on knowing God’s grace and truth.

“FIRST WEDNESDAY SERVICE”

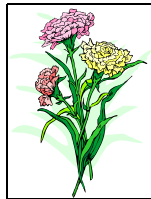
BRIEF ORDER of HOLY COMMUNION and SERVICE OF HEALING

November 2nd - 12 Noon

Please consider inviting a friend to this brief [1/2 hour] yet meaningful service of Holy Communion and Healing Prayers for Healing can be for ourselves or on behalf of others.

ALL SAINTS’ FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Sunday, November 6th we commemorate the faithful saints who have died during this past year. Their families have been invited to worship with us during this special service at **9:00 a.m.** Following the service, all are invited to attend a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Social Room.



We remember those from St. James who since last year’s All Saints’ Day, through Christ’s death and resurrection, now live in His presence:

<i>Dorothy Myers</i>	<i>October 22, 2010</i>
<i>E. Jane Stitt</i>	<i>December 18, 2011</i>
<i>George H. “Red” Emig</i>	<i>April 10, 2011</i>
<i>Anna Mae Eckert</i>	<i>June 29, 2011</i>
<i>Gloria E. Miedwig</i>	<i>October 16, 2011</i>

CHRIST THE KING FESTIVAL SERVICE

On **Nov. 20th at 9:00 a.m.**, we honor Christ, who reigns as king from the cross. This is the last Sunday of the Church Year. Christ is honored as the central and vital role he rightfully claims in our life. All space and time belong to the one who offers paradise to those who live and die with him!

We will be receiving new members during this service. Grace Russell, transferring membership from St. John Lutheran Church in New Freedom, PA will be joining the St. James family. We welcome Grace who has recently been attending St. James regularly and who has participated over the past years in activities of the church. Welcome Grace!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



Please invite friends, neighbors, and family members to the Thanksgiving Eve Service here at St. James on November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. as we consider, thank, and praise God for the many blessings we have been given. All are asked to bring non-perishable food items to help fill the shelves at the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry as the need is great especially at this time of the year. The loose offering collected at the service will also be used to support the Food Pantry.

NEW

“HANGING OF THE CHRISMONS” SERVICE

On the Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 4, during worship, we will celebrate our annual “Hanging of the Chrismons” service, but this year there will be a new focus. During the service we will hear words from Scripture and explanations of the Chrismons; Christian symbols created in the early 1980’s by the women of St. James.

We place these symbols on our Christmas tree each year but as members of the Worship and Music Committee realized, we do not really know what they mean.

During the service this year each Chrismon will be presented and explained briefly. We are asking for volunteers to participate in the sharing of the meaning of these beautiful symbols that remind us of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We will contact some of the same women who had previously made the Chrismons but we would also ask others of the congregation to consider being a part of this “telling of the story of Jesus” by reading a brief description that will be prepared by Worship and Music Committee and will be an easy read.

Following the service we will have a meal together in the Social Room. There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 4.

NEW
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE!

Please begin now to plan for your attendance at either the new “Family and Friends” Service or the traditional “Candlelight, Music, and Communion” Service.

“FAMILY AND FRIENDS” SERVICE at 4:00 p.m. This service is designed for children and families but also for those who have in the past been unable to attend the later service due to family events scheduled during the time before or during the service time, or because of driving concerns later in the evening. **ALL** are welcome at this service. Begin now to consider coming and inviting your friends, neighbors, and family!



The service will be approximately 45 minutes long and will include the “telling” of the story of Jesus’ birth. The entire service

will be done in a casual way, with Christmas carols interspersed. The children of St. James will be entering into the “telling of the story” in costume as the story unfolds. There will be no Holy Communion at this service.

CANDLELIGHT, MUSIC, AND COMMUNION SERVICE

[New Time] **9:00 p.m.** This is the traditional candle-light music-filled service with Holy Communion. Invite your family and friends to this service and experience the “real meaning of Christmas,” the nativity of Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, December 25 Day and **NEW YEARS OR “NAME OF JESUS” DAY**, Sunday, January 1, 2012, will be at 9:00 a.m. Both services will be in the format of “Lessons and Carols” and will include Holy Communion. There will be No Sunday School on either of these Sundays.

“COMMITTEE NEWS”



COUNCILPERSONS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS are reminded that Year-End reports for the Annual Congregational Report are due by **Sunday, November 27th**.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

September Ham & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich Sale – Profit \$583.36

Distribution	\$ 58.36 – 10% to church
	\$ 50.00 – To Ruth Zemaitis for cards
	<u>\$ 475.00</u> – To Harvest of Hope (flood damage)
	\$ 583.36

Next Sandwich Sale – November 9th – Deadline October 30th
Order forms available on pamphlet rack or in bulletin on Oct. 30th.

Social Ministry continued:

THANK YOU to the congregation from Social Ministry for donating 24 blankets for LWR. We collected \$146 at the door on Blanket Sunday, used \$30 to buy 6 more blankets. We also prepared and sent 23 Health Kits and \$116 to LWR for shipping costs.

HARVEST HOME PROJECTS for 2011



sponsored by Social Ministry Committee

Continuing through Sunday, November 13th we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. During the recent rain storms the building sustained a lot of damage and much of their food inventory had to be discarded. Everyone is invited to bring non-perishable food items or contribute to the special offering that will be received at the doors on Harvest Home Sunday, November 13th. Food donations may be placed in the front of the sanctuary near the altar area.

STEWARDSHIP

The theological belief in stewardship tells us that we humans are responsible for the world and we should take care of it. In Christian tradition stewardship refers to the way time, talents, material possessions or wealth are used or given for the service of God. We are to manage everything God brings into our lives in a manner that honors God and impacts eternity.

Stewardship begins and ends with the understanding of God's ownership of all things. In **Psalm 24:1**, it says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." In Deuteronomy **10:14**, it says, "To the Lord your God belongs the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth, and everything in it." A broader concept is illustrated in the parable of the "talents" found in **Mathew 25:14-30**. Please take some time and read this parable. It basically teaches that people are accountable and responsible to God for the way they use the resources they are given. We as Christians have that responsibility in maintaining and using wisely **all** the gifts that we receive from God. Won't you

take some time and think of how **YOU** are using **your** treasures, **your** time, and **your** talents here at St. James. We all have something to share with members of our church family to bring a renewed vitality to this church and its ministries. **The next meeting of the Stewardship Committee will be held on Nov, 2nd at 7:00 PM at the church.** If you would like to join us, please feel welcome. Who knows what you may have to offer.

Deb Meckley, Chairperson

A GIVING EXAMPLE:

Chaplain of L.S.S. Sprengle Drive, Rev. Hank Steinhilber recently preached and presided during Pastor Brenda's vacation. We received a letter from L.S.S. informing us that Chaplain Hank had donated the check he had received from St. James for his services to L.S.S. to be used in providing care to residents; care that is not "subsidized" by other means. We give God thanks for this gift in our name!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY:

We have added 2 new series of books – 14 books from the "Hope Haven" series and 9 books of "Patchwork Mysteries."

Please "check us out"!



“GROUP NEWS”

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS - Group will meet on **Thursday, November 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in the social room.** Bring a sandwich of your choice, beverage and dessert will be provided. Program will be presented by Andrea Adams portraying “The Innkeeper’s Wife.” We welcome all new attendees, no dues to pay; we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.



SENIORS – please mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Luncheon that will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 1st. We will be taking reservations at the November meeting - \$15.00 per person. Deadline to make your reservation – November 10th.

SUNSHINE WORKERS

Class Meeting – Monday, November 7th, 1PM – social room

SUNSHINE WORKERS' BREAKFAST
Thursday, **November 17th – 8:30 a.m.**
Please watch the bulletin for location
Come out and start your day with us.



BINGO for residents at Sprenkle Village
Thursday, November 10th – 10:15

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.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS FLASH

What are *you* thankful for?

Are you preparing for Thanksgiving with an abundance of great food (turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and the fixings)? And how about spending time with your family? What are you truly thankful for this season of harvest? For me, I am thankful that God has given me the great people who are around me (my family and friends) who support me in my growth through Jesus Christ. The love and grace God bestows upon us all to bring us together as 'One' in Christian faith. So, brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be thankful for one another through love, friendship and hope that Jesus Christ gives each one of us.

The youth and family ministry is 'booming'. Be thankful that you, St. James, have a growing and sustaining ministry and for the youth (young adults) who share in this ministry together. Continue to pray for the guidance of the youth through our Savior.

A Junior-High and Senior-High Youth Program supporting grades 6th – 12th. Hey, tell your friends!

Youth Team Meeting – all parents, those interested in Christian Education/Youth Ministry and 2 youth are needed: **NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL (11:30 AM).**

The November Gatherings are:

Sunday, November 6th – last day for the 'Food' Scavenger Hunt – 6 pm – young ladies 'youth' bring the snack this night.

Sunday, November 20th – 6 pm – young men 'youth' bring the snack this night.

Director of Youth and Family Ministry
AJ Zimmerman

(717)776-7856; (717)386-1445; philaeagles5@msn.com
All Junior and Senior High Youth Welcome!



Youth News continued:

WINTERFEST 2012

***Upcoming Synod-wide Youth Event – January 6-8, 2012
Lancaster County Convention Center &
Marriott Hotel, Lancaster***

This annual event brings together senior high youth in grades 9-12, and young adults who are post-high, through age 22, for a weekend of faith formation, fun, and fellowship. This year's theme, "GO" challenges young people to live out their faith in ways that reflect Christ to the world around them, using the gift of the Holy Spirit within them. Please consider encouraging or sponsoring a youth in your life to participate in this transformational event. Registration is NOW open. If interested, please contact A.J. for more information.



We now have a few youth who are interested in attending Winterfest. Would you consider sponsoring either a full or partial scholarship so that they can attend?

Full scholarship -- \$210.00

Partial scholarship – Whatever amount you can contribute. Any amount will be appreciated! Please place in an envelope marked **Youth – Winterfest** and place in offering plate or drop off in the church office.



UPCOMING BUS TRIP – Seats still available –

***Allenberry Christmas Show – Tuesday, November 15th –
9:30 a.m. – coach to arrive at St. James
10:45 – Arrive at Allenberry
11:15 – Lunch Buffet
1:00 – Show
4:30 approximate arrival back in York
\$70.00 – Payment due by November 9th.***

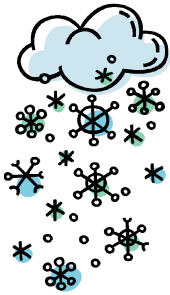
WHEN YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL



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. Due to HIPPA regulations, we have not always 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NOVEMBER 12TH - Please make note that the next edition of the Newsletter will include the months of December 2011 and January 2012. Please make sure your submitted news includes December and January. We will not be mailing out a January edition. Next edition will include December/January Workers & Servers Schedule and December/January calendar.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION UPDATE



We are working on a plan for some additional notification methods so that the Congregation will be better informed in the case of inclement weather requiring cancellation of services. This information will be placed in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

Pastor, Council President and Sexton confer and decide that the weather conditions and the advisory to stay off the roads warrant that a service be cancelled.

The Council, Board of Trustees, and those scheduled to serve in worship on Sunday morning are to be contacted by phone. The announcement of closing will be placed on Channel 43 WPMT TV [Comcast channel 5] and WGAL 8 [Comcast channel 3].

NOVEMBER THANK YOU NOTES:



To Pastor Brenda, Thanks again for your visit and communion, it was greatly appreciated, also thanks for the lovely prayer shawl, it is greatly appreciated too. So nice and warm on the cool nights. Thanks for the cards from my friends at St. James.

Sincerely, Viola Palmer

Hello All, Our family has enjoyed over the years (and our many moves around the US) all the lovely cards you have sent. On October 1, 2011 John Philip Rearich, II, retired from the U. S. Navy after the 24 years of service. We have moved from Ft. Belvoir, VA to New Freedom, PA. We hope to attend a service real soon back at St. James. A big “Thank You” to everyone!

John & Erica Rearich & Kids

To all who have contributed to the success of the OKTOBERFEST and the Sweetest Day Scripture Tea, we give thanks!

Thank You continued:

We especially thank Phil and Linda Kern and Ron and Hilda Herman for their planning and working together to make the OKTOBERFEST the delicious and fun-filled event it was for all who attended. Thanks to the many helpers from the congregation who worked “behind the scene” for days prior to the event and those who served during it.

Special thanks to Linda and daughter Becky, and Chris Ross who worked together to make the Scripture Tea a delightful event for the women of St. James and their guests!

Thanks to our “decorating elves” who continue to surprise with the special touches of fall throughout the building!

Thanks to ALL those who worked in the “Clean –Up Efforts” following the water damage from the recent rains.

Thanks to Tom Meckley for purchasing the new sump pump.

A special thanks to John Burns for painting the Narthex area as we prepare for its renewal.

Thanks to those who have been working on the preparation for painting of our outside doors, and to the Trustees who continually work to keep St. James physically renewed and restored.

In Christ, Pastor Brenda

TREASURER’S REPORT - MONTHLY UPDATE

	<u>Sept. 2011</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Current Receipts	\$ 12,618.54	\$ 119,914.50
Current Disbursements	\$ 14,985.28	\$ 130,396.41
Current Receipts less		
Disbursements	[\$ 2,366.74]	[\$ 10,481.91]
Benevolence Receipts	\$ 847.00	\$ 7,012.50
Benevolence Disbursement	\$ -0-	\$ 5,662.50

Aug. & Sept. 2011 Benevolence not sent \$1,350.00

NICKEL JAR October—December *BELL FAMILY SHELTER*

Whatever you can place in the “Nickel Jar” will be greatly appreciated by those who need to use the Shelter.

BELL FAMILY SHELTER

PROVIDES EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

Bell Family Shelter opened in 1986 and remains York County’s only **30-day emergency shelter serving homeless families.**

Many of the families served by the Shelter find themselves homeless because of insufficient income, job loss or poor housing conditions. As a safe, temporary place with supportive services, staying at the Shelter helps families navigate the challenges of homelessness and regain their independence.

Bell Family Shelter’s **eleven-bedroom facility** houses as many as **forty people per night** (about half of whom are under the age of 12) and provides all the basic needs for food, clothing and shelter.

When families arrive at the Shelter doorstep they often require more than just a safe place to sleep for the night. Throughout their stay with us they meet with service and supports coordinators to build a personalized family goal plan to help them regain and maintain independent living in the community.

Intensive guidance sessions, workshops and classes help people learn budgeting and parenting skills, offer assistance to secure permanent housing and job placement, and provide access to a network of community resources.

The Shelter’s staff support helps many families secure permanent housing in fewer than 20 days. Most of the families (89%) utilizing the Shelter never need to access emergency housing again.

The Shelter is open **365 days/nights a year** and accepts drug-free couples or single parents with children, couples in long-standing relationships, and single women who have been residents of York County for at least 60 days.

Directory changes: November edition

Berkheimer, Edna, Sprengle Village Nursing Center,
1801 Folkemer Circle, 17404, Room 415

McWilliams, Dawn

715 Bowers Bridge Rd., Manchester, 17345-9228

Senft, Edna, please change room # to 4433

Shirey, Janet, Autumn House West, 2111, York, 17401-3610

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL who will be
celebrating their birthday in November:



11/02 LAIRD, Heath S.17408

11/02 MUMMERT

11/08 LAUER, III, Wilfert C.

11/09 ORRIS, Mary E.

11/10 GERRICK, Kay

11/12 LAUER, Leigh,

11/12 LUDWIG, Jeffrey A.

11/13 AMSPACHER, Louanna,

11/14 COLANTINO, Dante Daniel,

11/16 LOUCKS, Ann Marie

11/17 EUCULANO, Teresa Ann

11/18 HOFFMAN, Jeffrey

11/19 ELINE, Ellen Elizabeth

11/19 NOSS-ABSHER, Nancy

11/21 REDDING, Loretta

11/22 BERKHEIMER, Catherine

11/29 LAUER, III, Betty

11/29 REID, Dane R

11/30 WELKOM, Gabriel

Thanksgiving

Fair **Trade and**
Faith Event
Saturday, November 12



Thanksgiving Dinner ***Grace Lutheran Church*** ***[Jefferson Ave.]***

From our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace Lutheran:

“Grace Lutheran Church will be offering a Thanksgiving meal again this year. This is our second year of serving a meal at the church for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We are opening our doors from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Thanksgiving Day to those less fortunate than us, people in need of a good delicious dinner or those who just may be in need of Fellowship and do not have family or friends to spend the holiday with.”

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Thanksgiving Dinner or making a food donation is asked to please contact Grace Lutheran Church of York at **848-2610** or preferably by e-mail **graceinthecity@verizon.net**

Food Donation Wish List

Turkeys, Bread (Preferably Cubed), Milk,
1lb Boxes Butter, Bags of Frozen Corn, Fresh Bags of
Potatoes, Fresh Sweet Potatoes, Eggs. Onions, Celery,
Cranberry Sauce. Pumpkin Pies or Other Desserts.
Drinks (Gallons of Ice Tea or Punch, etc.), Large
Disposable Roasting Pans, Reynolds Aluminum Foil
Styrofoam Plates & Cups, Plastic Utensils, or any item in
which you would like to donate

Anyone planning to attend is asked to please RSVP by Nov. 15th with name, phone, e-mail, number attending, and ages. Use above phone number or e-mail address.

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Keynote: Chandler Carriker

Congregational Resources Specialist from Lutheran World Relief

Advent Lutheran Church, 1775 E. Market St., York, PA

Sponsored by the Lower Susquehanna Synod Global Mission Committee

Engage in conversation with Chandler Carriker, Congregational Resource Specialist with Lutheran World Relief, experience a Fair Trade Fair and enjoy lunch with an "international flair!" Handcrafts, coffee and chocolate are among the items available for purchase at this event. Every sale will benefit the producers of handcrafts and consumable products. Registration fee is \$5.00. Deadline to RSVP is November 1st. Registration forms are available on the pamphlet rack.
