

# ***St. James Lutheran Church***

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

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*October, 2011*



## **PASTOR'S TABLE TALK**

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

### ***What Do Lutherans Believe?***

What is meant by **“The Means of Grace?”**

*[From “The Use of the Means of Grace” a statement of Word and Sacrament, adopted in 1997 by the ELCA, page 6.]*

God gives the Word and the sacraments [Baptism and Holy Communion] to the Church and by the power of the Spirit creates and sustains the church among us.

God establishes the sacraments “to awaken and confirm faith.” God calls the Church to take care and remain faithful in its use of the means of grace so that all people may hear and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be gathered into God’s own mission for the life of the world.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the living and abiding Word of God. By the power of the Spirit, this very Word of God, which is Jesus Christ, is read in the Scriptures, proclaimed in preaching, announced in the forgiveness of sins, eaten and drunk in the Holy Communion, and encountered in the bodily presence of the Christian community. By the power of the Spirit active in Holy Baptism, this Word washes a people to be Christ’s own Body in the world.

We have called this gift of Word and Sacrament by the name “The Means of Grace.” The living heart of all these “means” is the presence of Jesus Christ through the power of the Spirit as the gift of the Father.

“In Christ’s flesh, in his death and resurrection, all people are invited to behold and to receive the fullness of God’s grace and truth.”

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May we know the true reason for the existence of the Church of Jesus Christ; that all people come, are welcomed and received by those of us believers who are the Body of Christ; the Church, and that through this welcoming they may know Christ’s presence, love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness in their lives and may we continue to grow in our faith and witness to Christ.

In Christ, our joy and our hope,

Pastor Brenda



**OPENING OUR  
“BOOK OF FAITH”  
THE BIBLE....AND DWELLING IN  
THE WORD.....**

**As you consider opening Scripture, you may wish to consider  
these questions:**

- How does the Bible feed your daily life?
- How does the Bible feed the life of this community?
- How are we renewed, empowered, and enlivened by the Word?
- What stands in the way of our opening the Bible and joining the conversation?

**THE GREATEST STORY—JESUS**

**NEW BIBLE STUDY  
beginning October 12**

We will begin a new Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on October 12, in the parlor. This is a 16 session study called **“The Greatest Story—Jesus.”** Participants will journey through the Gospel narratives: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in this exciting exploration of the life and ministry of Jesus.

B.Y.O.B. [BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE] to the study. Each session will include a one-hour teaching/discussion time a short break and approximately a half-hour question/discussion time in which the Biblical story will be related to our contemporary lives as participants discuss together.

The Lutheran Study Bible, [NRSV translation] released in 2009, will be made available for purchase to the congregation and to those who participate in the study. + PLEASE NOTE + The Lutheran Study Bible is not required to attend the study, but is an excellent source for reading and learning more in-depth Biblical information.



***FROM THE CHOIR LOFT:***

We thank all the members of all the choirs for working diligently each week and for sharing with us so many times during the year.

CHOIR REHEARSALS – Thursday evenings  
Women’s Choir – 6:30 p.m., Senior Choir – 7:00 p.m.  
Men’s Choir – 8:00 p.m.

***New members are always welcome.***

**FROM THE SOCIAL HOUR COMMITTEE:**



Thank you for the great response to the Social Hour schedule last year. We are hopeful that all church members and groups are willing to continue during the next social hour season. If you wish to change your month, please contact Vicki Besore or Anita Ashton.

### **Social Hour Hosts (2011)**

September - 18th & 25<sup>th</sup> – Anita Ashton & Vicki Besore  
 October – Choirs  
 November – Sunshine Workers  
 December – Youth Group

## **COMMITTEE NEWS”**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sunday School resumed for ALL ages on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Children meet with their teachers in their assigned class room weekly at 10:30 a.m. Adults meet in the Adult Sunday School Room where Mike Cooper will be leading the class in discussion on the “Journeys of Paul.” ALL are invited to join our Sunday School Classes.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**



**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is Ingathering Sunday when we will be collecting Blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Donations of new blankets may be placed in the container in the social room. **A free-will offering will be received at the door on October 2<sup>nd</sup>; monies received will be used to purchase blankets and help defray shipping costs to LWR.**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

We live every moment with the awareness of God's abundant generosity. This is how we will begin to look at what Stewardship means here at St. James.

### **Stewardship is a relationship.**

**First, our relationship with God,** from whom all blessings flow. We put God at the very center of our being.

### **Our relationship with our time, talents, and treasures.**

We don't own these things; they're given to us to use for God's purpose.

**Our relationship to the earth.** The earth is God's, and produces all we need. Stewardship involves thoughtful consumption so all will have enough.

**Our relationship to others.** Jesus commanded us to love God first, and then our neighbor as ourselves. Stewardship calls us to embrace God's love more fully, that we may embrace others.

**Like all faith disciplines,** stewardship takes awareness, prayer and practice. The Stewardship of Life Institute – an educational and informative website from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg inspires and equips Christians for the journey.

For more information see: [www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org).

\*\* Our Stewardship committee is just forming; if you would like to join this committee please contact Deb Meckley, Chairperson

### **HOSPITALITY AND EVANGELISM**

### Upcoming events – mark your calendar:

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.

Sweetest Day Scripture Tea for Women of St. James and guests. 12:00 p.m **October 15, 2011.**

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.

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### UPDATE FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- In August our Adult Sunday School Room floor was stripped and waxed for \$710.
- The floor in the Social Room was thoroughly cleaned by Dave Smith and Sonya Hoke.
- Over the summer, a chandelier over the choir loft fell (no injuries) and caused minor damage to the organ and the chandelier itself. This light was repaired in early September and the organ will be repaired this fall as part of the organ repairs that were already planned.
- The Trustees are continuing to work and formulate a plan to renovate our Sanctuary, which has not had any work done since the mid-1970's. This is expected to be a major project with a high cost that will exceed the balance of the Building Fund, so please consider contributing to the Building Fund so this project may be completed. More detailed information about this project will be announced in the coming months as Trustees work with Council.

Board of Trustees continued:

- A roof leak over the Sanctuary was repaired with new copper counter-flashing and the top of the chimney at the boiler room will be repaired in September. The total cost for both of these items is \$9,852.
- During Tropical Storm Irene, a small leak developed in the Sanctuary (roof/upper wall) and the Pastor's office ceiling. The source of this leak has not yet been identified and no repair work has been scheduled. More information will be made available when it is obtained

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### “GROUP NEWS”

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS - Group will meet on **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 *“Ben Franklin.”* 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 1<sup>st</sup>. We will begin taking reservations at the October meeting - \$15.00 per person. Deadline to make your reservation – November 10<sup>th</sup>.



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### SUNSHINE WORKERS

Class Meeting – Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1PM – social room

*SUNSHINE WORKERS' BREAKFAST*

Thursday, **October 20<sup>th</sup>** – **8:30 a.m.**

**Alexander's** – Carlisle Road

Come out and start your day with us.

BINGO for residents at Kelly Manor

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – 2PM

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**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.



**UPCOMING BUS TRIPS** – *Seats still available –*

*Contact Rosemary Rafferty - 767-2536 or 424-1776*

***Branson Show Extravaganza***

***October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>***

***9 days – 8 nights - \$775.00***

***8 nights lodging – 14 meals***

***8 breakfasts and 6 dinners***

***Admission to 7 fabulous Branson Shows***

***Full payment due with reservation.***



***Allenberry Christmas Show – Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> –***

***9:30 a.m. – coach to arrive at St. James***

***10:45 – Arrive at Allenberry***

***11:15 – Lunch Buffet***

***1:00 – Show***

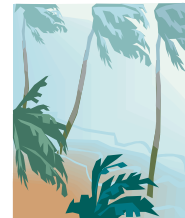
***4:30 approximate arrival back in York***

***\$70.00 – Payment due by November 9<sup>th</sup>.***

**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 are 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.

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION  
UPDATE**

The decision to cancel the worship service on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, was made in the same way we have made the decision during snow storms. Pastor, Council President and Sexton conferred and decided the weather conditions and the advisory to stay off the roads warranted the service to be cancelled.

The Council, Board of Trustees, and those scheduled to serve in worship Sunday morning were contacted by phone. The announcement of closing was placed on Channel 43 WPMT TV [Comcast channel 5]. We were not able to contact WGAL to inform them.



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

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## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!**

God has answered our prayers for a Youth Leader! Beginning September 18 Michael, “A.J.” Zimmerman began as Director of Youth and Family Ministry at St. James.

A.J.’s main focus this year will be our 12 youth; 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. One of the first things A.J. will be doing is forming a “Youth Team” that will meet quarterly [four times a year] to plan activities that will be both fun and faith-building such as outreach projects to our community, mission projects, fund-raising and fun activities. The Youth Team will include 2 adults interested in our youth, 2 youth, A. J., and Pastor.

The activities of the Youth will be planned with a focus that will reflect:

- A sense of the presence and activity of God in their lives.
- An emphasis on spiritual growth, vocation, and discipleship.
- Engaging the youth in outreach and mission.
- Having fun together!

At the Sept. 18, 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, A.J gave a “Temple Talk” on “Why I Love Youth Ministry.” He was installed as the Youth and Family Ministry Director during the service and following worship we welcomed him during Social Time.

The first Youth Group Gathering was held at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 18; All youth and parents spent some time getting to know A.J. as we joined together in a Pizza Party in the Social Room. The first Youth Gathering began at 6:00 p.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

There will be two Youth Group Gatherings each month. The schedule will be discussed with the Youth and included in the newsletter each month.

Please join the Youth in welcoming A. J. as we begin this new and exciting ministry at St. James! The congregation, youth, and Council are asked to pray daily for this important ministry; for A. J. as he leads our youth; and for our youth as they continue to grow in their faith.

## **YOUTH TEAM – [2 ADULTS –2 YOUTH] NEEDED**

Please consider joining the Youth Team as we begin to plan the program and activities of the Youth Group for the next three months. If you feel God’s “nudge” in your heart to be a part of this Team, pray for God’s assurance to be with you and answer the call. Contact Pastor Brenda or A.J. who can be reached at: [Cell phone] 717-386-1445 or e-mail [phileagles5@msn.com](mailto:phileagles5@msn.com)



## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

### **All Junior and Senior High Youth Welcome!**

We will have two meetings [gatherings] each month. Please Come!

**WHAT?? YOUTH GATHERINGS**

**WHEN? October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME? 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**WHERE? THE YOUTH ROOM**

### **YOUTH TEAM – FIRST PLANNING MEETING**

Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room  
OCTOBER **THANK YOU NOTES** *as received:*



Dear Members of the St. James and Pastor Brenda,  
Thank you all so much for your cards, prayers, thoughts, and kind words and the prayer shawl – at the unexpected recent passing of my mother, Anna Mae. *Ruth Hoover & Family*

Dear Pastor Brenda, I want to thank you, Pat and “The Sunshine Girls” yes that is what they re called at Camp Pennwood – for their help with food preparation Tuesday night and serving at camp on Wednesday. It is amazing that just about everyone, at camp, who can speak says “thank you” when they receive their food - and Joey and I add our thanks too.

*Sincerely with much love, Janet & Joel Hershey*

*(PS - Pastor Brenda, Pat and the “Sunshine Girls” send their thanks to Janet and Joey for having us for dinner at their home on Tuesday evening, prior to our preparing the food for Camp Pennwood.)*

Dear Fellow Christians, Thank you for your visits and the altar flowers. May God continue to bless you in your service to others.

*In Christian Love, Millard Myers*

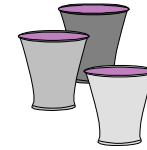
Dear Friends of St. James, We appreciate so much your kind thoughts and wishes. We constantly remember our friends and happy times at St. James Lutheran Church. Thanks again.

*Charles & Frances Leib*

Dear St. James, On behalf of the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$427.66.

*May God Bless You! Mary Wivell, Harvest of Hope Food Pantry*

## Flowers & Bulletins Communion Cups



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**union Wine**

### Sponsorship sign-up sheets for 2012

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CHARTS WILL BE AVAILABLE on the Adams Street bulletin board on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up early to reserve your special dates in **2012** to honor or memorialize a loved one.

**PLEASE USE THE CORRECT CHART FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP**

**FLOWER CHART for flower sponsors– \$30 per week**  
(Please note: Prices are subject to change anytime throughout the year.)

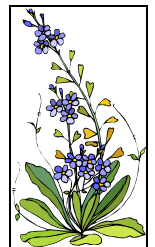
**PLAIN CHART FOR *bulletin* sponsors- \$12.00**

**COMMUNION CUP CHART FOR  
*Communion cup* sponsors - \$12.00**

**COMMUNION WINE CHART FOR  
*Communion wine* sponsors - \$12.00**

Please note that all charts are marked and the dates on the new charts are for **2012** only.

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## Oktoberfest

### October 1, 2011

#### 4-7 PM- social room



- Roast Pork Platter            \$8.00**
- Bratwurst Platter            \$8.00**
- Child's Hot Dog Platter    \$3.00**

*Non-alcoholic beverages will be served.*

**Purchase tickets after a worship service, or  
by calling the church office: 717- 854-7198  
Deadline - September 25<sup>th</sup>**

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT - MONTHLY UPDATE

	<u>August 2011</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Current Receipts	\$ 7,875.16	\$ 107,295.96
Current Disbursements	\$ 12,031.89	\$ 115,411.13
Current Receipts less		
Disbursements	[\$ 4,156.73]	[\$ 8,115.17]
Benevolence Receipts	\$ 503.00	\$ 6,165.50
Benevolence Disbursement	\$ -0-	\$ 5,662.50
	\$ 910.00	-0-

#### Treasurer's Financial Update - transferred funds

Money Market Account closed due to low interest rates and funds transferred to Current Account for current expenses	\$4,248.64
Undesignated year-end contributions from previous years transferred to Current Account for expenses	\$3,263.95
Transferred from Building Fund to Current Fund	\$5,000.00

The above listed transferred funds are to be repaid to designated accounts as money becomes available with Building Fund being reimbursed first.  
**"HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY to the following members"**

- 10/01 Ralph W. Ashton, Jr., 1898 Church Road, 17408
- 10/01 John Burns, 213 Wynwood Road, York, 17402
- 10/02 Michael Smith, 121 Weldon Drive, York, 17404
- 10/03 Anna (Gaye) Lauer, 1822 Barley Road, 17408
- 10/03 Lori Uhrich, 45 N. Pearl St., 17404
- 10/04 Dustin Besore, 2447 N. Gabrielle Ct., 17408
- 10/04 Ronald W. Desenberg, 36 N. Sumner St., 17404
- 10/05 Rickey R. Ashton, 1715 Park Rd., Spring Grove, 17362
- 10/05 Patricia A. Smith, 121 Weldon Dr., 17404
- 10/05 Dennis Wagner, 734 W. Poplar St., 17401
- 10/06 Thomas M. Henry, 320 Richardson Rd., 17408
- 10/07 Richard Beck, 40 Hagarman Dr., 17408
- 10/07 Gary Brenneman, 916 W. Princess St., 17401
- 10/08 Jennifer Kahley Colantino,  
417 SE 951, Knob Noster, Mo 65336-2240
- 10/08 Phyllis Stevens-Ehrhart, 909 Sharon Ave., N.,  
Red Lion, PA 17356
- 10/09 Jay Barnhart, 1712 Filbert St., 17404
- 10/09 Charles Markle, 752 Fireside Rd., 17404
- 10/09 Jimmy Lee Smith, 121 Weldon Dr., 17404
- 10/12 Nancy Hoachlander, 1806 Monroe St., 17404
- 10/12 Olivia Ruth Drawbaugh, 1700 Woodberry Rd., 17408
- 10/14 Emily Jean Jennings, 347 Allegheny Dr., 17402
- 10/15 Joan Boyer, 2007 Stanton St., 17404
- 10/15 Linda Gilkey, 2372 Wedgewood Way, 17408
- 10/16 Riley Burns, 213 Wynwood Road, York, PA 17402
- 10/17 Kathie S. Hoffman, 2168 Pemberton Place, 17408
- 10/17 Susan Orris, 1418 Stanton St., 17404
- 10/18 Joann Urey, 1829 W. Philadelphia St., 17404
- 10/19 Carolyn Klinedinst, 2330 Belair Dr., Dover 17315
- 10/20 Dorothy Eyster, 1822 W. Philadelphia St., 17404
- 10/20 Edna Senft, Brethren Home Community, Room 3617,  
2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA 17350
- 10/22 Thomas J. Meckley, 2222 Chestnut Rd., 17408
- 10/27 Kenneth Hoke, 4052 Eldine Ave., 17408



10/31 Gene L. Kessler, 2020 White St., 17404

10/31 Aurela Wilhelm, 17 S. Clinton St., 17404