

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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September 2011



PASTOR'S TABLE TALK

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

What Do Lutherans Believe About.....

The Proclamation of the Word and the

Christian Assembly?

In the next newsletters we will continue to look at answers to the question, *"What Do Lutherans Believe?"* These understandings are referenced in the booklet, *"THE USE of the MEANS of GRACE,"* a statement on the practice of Word and Sacrament, adopted in 1997 by the ELCA, the Lutheran body to which we belong.

What is the Word of God?

Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate. He came to earth as a human being, like us, but was also divine, having been sent by God for the salvation of the world. The proclamation of God's message to us is both Law and Gospel. The canonical Scriptures; those Books found in our Bible from both the Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God. Through this Word in these forms, as through the Sacraments, God gives faith, forgiveness of sins, and new life.

The Proclamation of the Word includes the public reading of Scripture, preaching, teaching, the celebration of the Sacraments, confession and absolution, music, arts, prayers, Christian witness, and service. The congregation's entire educational ministry participates in the proclamation of the Word.

God's Word is Preached

The preaching of the Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ is rooted in the readings of the Scriptures in the assemblies for worship. Called and ordained ministers bear the responsibility for the preached Word in the Church gathered for public worship.

Preaching is the living and contemporary voice of one who interprets in all the Scriptures the things concerning Jesus Christ. In loyalty and faithfulness to the readings appointed for the day, the preacher proclaims our need of God's grace and freely offers that grace, equipping the community for mission and service in daily life.

The Baptized People Proclaim God's Word

All the baptized share responsibility for the proclamation of the Word and the formation of the Christian assembly.

- One of the ways lay people exercise the public proclamation of the Word is as Assisting Ministers, those who are readers of the Scripture, and those who cantor and lead prayer.
- Musicians serve the assembly by illuminating the readings and the sacraments, by the congregation's participation in song.
- Those who teach the Word in Christian Education classes [Sunday School, both adult and children], those who lead Bible Studies, and act as evangelists in their daily lives serve as proclaimers of God's Word.

We all play a part in the proclamation of the Word of God. God gives the Word and the sacraments 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 exercise care and fidelity 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.

If this has stirred some questions in you about any of these points, please give me a call or see me on Sunday morning.

May our Lord, Jesus Christ keep you in His grace,

Pastor Brenda

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

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

September 11— last Sunday in Adult Sunday School Room. Remembrance in Prayer of the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

September 18 — Return to worship in Sanctuary – 9:00 A.M. Recognition and Blessing of Christian Ed. Department, Sunday School teachers, helpers, V.B.S. teachers, helpers.



Sunday School for ALL ages resumes **at**
10:30 a.m.



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“FIRST WEDNESDAY” WEEK-DAY HOLY COMMUNION and SERVICE OF HEALING

September 7th at 12 noon.

This is a brief [1/2 hour] service designed to fit into your busy schedule. Also for those who would like to come to worship on Sunday morning but for whatever reason have not been able to attend, you may find this service meets your needs. Hope to see you on “FIRST WEDNESDAY.”

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?

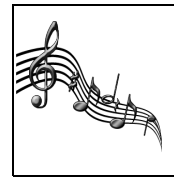
NEW BIBLE STUDY beginning October 15...

We will begin a new Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on October 15, 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.

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.

ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE: We received a clarification regarding the time involved in the repairs and upgrade of the organ. The repairs will begin in the next few weeks and will be completed before we return to the sanctuary on September 18th. The upgrade will be completed in either October or November and may take 1 or 2 weeks. Our total time without the organ will be 1 or 2 weeks.



CHOIR REHEARSALS -

As we begin cranking up for fall, I am thinking about the resumption of choir rehearsals in September. We would heartily welcome new members. ALL of the choirs: Women's – Men's and Senior – would be happy to have more members. **THINK ABOUT IT AND DECIDE TO SAY "YES"!!**

First fall choir rehearsal will be held on
Wednesday, September 7th,
times listed below.

Thereafter, beginning on September 15th, choir rehearsals will be on Thursday.

Women's Choir – 6:30 p.m.

Senior Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Men's Choir – 8:00 p.m.



YOUTH NEWS

At the time of preparation of the newsletter, we are in the process of interviewing a Youth Leader and will be announcing the outcome following the decision in the upcoming bulletins.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPT. 18th!!

This year we will be having classes during Sunday School each Sunday; 10:30-11:30 am. Our topic for the 2011-2012 year will be The New Testament. We will be meeting in the back section of the Junior Room for our classes. Parents are invited to come to class on Sept. 18th to hear about the upcoming year.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 18th!!

All youth who have finished Confirmation Classes and have been confirmed, are invited to join in the Senior High Sunday School classes each Sunday; 10:30-11:30 a.m. Our teachers are Sue Brodbeck and Phil Kern and our topics will be both interesting and

relevant to those who are in Senior High so please join in the discussion/video learning and the fun!

“GROUP NEWS / COMMITTEE NEWS”

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS will meet on Thursday, September 1st at 12:00 Noon in the social room for our annual "CORN ROAST". Lunch including beverage and dessert will be provided. Entertainment will be Bingo, bring a 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.



SUNSHINE WORKERS

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



SUNSHINE WORKERS' BREAKFAST
Thursday, September 15th – 8:30 a.m.
Watch the bulletin for location of this month's breakfast.

Come out and start your day with us.

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.



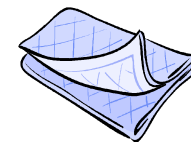
SOCIAL MINISTRY



Next Sandwich Sale will be September 21st. – Order forms available on the entrance table in the Adult Sunday School room and in the Sunday bulletin on September 11th. Cost - \$3.00 each

Social Ministry continued:

During September we will be collecting new **blankets** for Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Sunday on October 2nd. Watch for end of summer sales! Social Ministry Committee, as well as Lutheran World Relief appreciates your help on this project. Thanks to all who participate.



TREASURER'S REPORT - MONTHLY UPDATE

	<u>July 2011</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Current Receipts	\$ 13,361.07	\$ 99,420.80
Current Disbursements	\$ 14,291.32	\$103,379.24
Current Receipts less Disbursements	[\$ 930.25]	[\$ 3,958.44]
Benevolence Receipts	\$ 951.50	\$ 5,662.50
Benevolence Disbursement	\$ -0-	\$ 4,741.00

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.

HOSPITALITY AND EVANGELISM

Oktoberfest

October 1, 2011

4:00 -7:00 PM - Social Room

*(Authentic German Food and
Non-alcoholic beverages will be served)*

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



Tickets may be purchased following worship services through
Sunday, September 25th or by calling the church office:
717- 854-7198

(Benefit St. James Building Fund)

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*Women of St. James are cordially
invited to attend:*

Sweetest Day Scripture Tea

*Saturday, October 15, 2011
12 Noon*

*Please RSVP by October 9, 2011
to Church Office 854-7198*



Freewill offering

*Sign-up sheets will be available
beginning September 18th.*



HOSPITALITY AND EVANGELISM continued:

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.



WELCOME - on the Day of Pentecost, June 12, 2011, we welcomed into our St. James Family, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Bode Lee & Brady Scott Bailey, twin sons of Brandon & Michele Bailey and great-grandsons of Delores Bailey. Bode & Brady were born on December 12, 2010.

WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Ruth, Mark, Ben & Sam Hoover at the death of Ruth's mother, Anna Mae Eckert, on June 29th. Pastor Brenda conducted a funeral service at LeRoy R. Leber Funeral Home on July 5th, with burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery.



OUR SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES also to Martha Nary and Janice Sewell at the recent death of each of their sisters

DIRECTORY CHANGES – SEPTEMBER EDITION

Beecher, William, 2940 Broxton Lane, York, 17402-3823
Eckert, Anna Mae, deceased 6/29/11
Kessler, Marlin C., 653 Bergman Street, York, PA 17403-2838
Knaub, Jane & Cameron, remove from directory, moving to SC

SEPTEMBER **THANK YOU NOTES** *as received:*

Dear Members of the St. James Youth Group,
I wanted to send a quick thank you letter for all of the holiday cards that you have continued to send me through the years, including this past year in Kuwait. Also, thanks for the love, support and prayers. I head home next week, after taking some leave, we'll be moving to El Paso, Texas. I'll give you a new address when we get one. *God Bless, Major Tom Enterline*

(This note was received in June, 2011)

Thank you for a great week at VBS. I had fun! *Love Emma Peart*

Dear Pastor Brenda & Members of St. James,
I want to thank Pastor Brenda and Threads of Compassion for the beautiful Prayer Shawl. Also thanks to Pastor Brenda for her visit and bringing communion. It means so much to me to hear about St. James and my friends. *Peace of the Lord be with you all.*

Love Betty Gross

Dear St. James Lutheran Church: Thank you for your gift of \$745 (proceeds from May 2011 Ham & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich Sale) to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response. Your gift means the church can continue to respond efficiently and effectively to disasters that have already occurred and can stand ready for those that may come in the future.

*Together in Christ's service, The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director,
ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal*

We would like to thank Pastor Brenda and our fellow parishioners for the thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, sit-ins, and food during Hilda's ordeal from her fall and bladder operation. During the past 2 months we have had some life-changing experiences, however, it has made us more aware of God's healing power and that He works in mysterious ways. We thank Him for answering all of our prayers, as Hilda recovers. The fellowship of our Christian friends, along with your generosity and compassion, is much appreciated. *Our hearts go out to you,*

Ron & Hilda Herman and extended family

**York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring Program
Call for Tutors**

Our program is back for another year of providing quality tutoring for the students (grades 2-5) of York City. We're calling for all of



those people who feel that this may be a direction towards which God is pulling them. We meet one day a week either on Mondays at Christ Lutheran or Tuesdays at Union Lutheran, 7:00-8:15. The day you tutor is the day that works with your schedule. One tutor works with one tutee. If you have a preference for a

particular grade, please feel free to voice that opinion. Your first night of tutoring will be October 3 or 4. Calling or e-mailing with further questions or a request for a registration pack is not a commitment. Call Amanda Donley at 717-873-0298 or write to her at amanda.donley@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

Meet the New Director of the Tutoring Program



Amanda Donley is a member of Union Lutheran and will be heading the Conference's tutoring program this year. She received her bachelor's from West Chester University, her master's from the University of Glasgow, but more importantly and proudly she received her high school diploma from William Penn Senior High in York. Now that she's back home from school, she strives to become a productive and active member of the community that did so much to shape the person she is today. She asks for all the prayers she can get as she faces the exciting challenge of breathing new life into our tutoring program.

WHEN YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

H 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.. To ensure that you will receive pastoral care in the hospital, please inform pastor or office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of September.

Sept. 01	Tyler Stock
Sept. 02	Kayla Laird
Sept. 03	Margaret Gross
Sept. 04	Antonio Colantino
Sept. 05	Jerrold May
Sept. 05	Louise Wiley
Sept. 06	Dorothy Reid
Sept. 09	Jacob Gerrick
Sept. 09	Zachary Snyder
Sept. 10	Luisa Herman
Sept. 10	Jeanie Rice
Sept. 11	John B. Sauter,
Sept. 12	Richard Mellon
Sept. 12	Shonna Cardello
Sept. 15	Carl Berkheimer
Sept. 17	Gloria Becker
Sept. 18	Sara Hess,
Sept. 21	Marlin Kessler
Sept. 22	Steven Ferree
Sept. 24	Sonja Hoke
Sept. 24	Martha Nary
Sept. 26	Marie Drawbaugh
Sept. 27	Delores Bailey
Sept. 27	Melissa Starner
Sept. 29	Betty Wakefield



ADDITIONAL THANK YOU NOTES received:



To Pastor Brenda and the congregation of St. James,

A very heartfelt thank you for all you have done to brighten my days and nights.

The Easter palms and flower, I look at morning and night, and they bring a smile to my face. They remind me of the times I attended St. James and make my faith even stronger.

The beautiful prayer shawl is not only comforting physically but spiritually as well.

I cannot tell you how thankful I am for the phone calls, cards and visits from Pastor Brenda; she lets me talk to her about everything and helps me to get through the good and bad times.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to all my family at St. James.

Sincerely, Betty Wakefield

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, prayers and thinking of you cards.

Effie Shetter

