

St. James Lutheran Church

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

JUNE- JULY-AUGUST, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At the time of this writing, we are experiencing warm temperatures and sunny weather as we make our way through the year from Spring in to Summer. It is such a breath of fresh air to have these warmer months in our midst, which always inspires me to peruse my books stack for light Summer-time reading.

In doing so, I came across a favorite book written by Richard Carlson, PH.D. that I refer to on occasion. It's called, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and it's all small stuff." In flipping it open, I found a snippet suggesting "every day, tell at least one person something you like, admire, or appreciate about them." (Carlson, p. 117-118). Taking the time to share with others what we appreciate about them can make a huge difference in the relationships we have with one another. Often we take for granted that others know how we feel, or, we just get too busy living life that we forget to acknowledge special people in our lives.

God created us to be in community with one another, to love others, and to share our lives together. Loving kindness freely given to those whom we love and know doesn't have to be a huge undertaking. Caring for others is a part of stewardship. Many times in the Bible Jesus cares for others by healing, praying with and for them, caring for them, feeding them, and spending time with them. So this Summer, this growing season, I invite you to grow, too, and share with others what you appreciate about them.

In Christ,

Pastor Dee

+ SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY



Sunday School for all will be discontinued during the summer months. All Sunday School classes will resume on September 16th - Watch the bulletin and September newsletter for Movie/Lunch kick-off event on September 16th.

Wednesday Bible Studies will also resume in the Fall.



ST. JAMES' ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC Sunset Lane Park Pavilion Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 – 12 Noon

Worship Service will be at the church at 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship!

Picnic ticket cost is \$7.00 for Pulled Pork BBQ meal and \$4.00 for hot dog meal. Tickets will be on sale through Sunday, May 27th. Because of the holiday, please get your tickets early.

If you'd like to contribute a dessert, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the Adams St. bulletin board.



There will be **BINGO**, so please bring a small bingo gift (about \$3.00).



ALSO A CRAZY, WACKY HAT CONTEST

Prizes for wackiest, most creative, etc.

Any questions, call Linda Kern at 717-792-3402 or the church office.

CONGREGATION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS are invited to offer their musical talents for our Offering Music during the summer months. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Social Room.

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TINA'S EMERITUS CELEBRATION: Members of the congregation are invited to join with us on **Sunday, June 10th** for WORSHIP and A DIRECTOR OF MUSIC EMERITUS CELEBRATION LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF DR. ERNESTINE



(TINA) HOFF. Following worship the celebration luncheon will begin at 11AM. Monetary donations are being accepted to purchase a gift for Tina. If you would like to contribute please see Cindy Rutkowski or Pat Mummert following the worship service on a

Sunday morning, or place donation in an envelope, marked TINA, and drop in offering plate. Donations may be mailed to the church office, with TINA on the memo line. Sign-up sheet is posted on the Adams St. bulletin board. Deadline for donations and sign-up is Sunday, June 3rd.

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2018-2019 Social Hour COORDINATOR - HOSTS

Social Hour discontinued during the summer month. We are in need of a **volunteer coordinator** to help us continue this ENJOYABLE SOCIAL TIME in the fall. Beginning in September we need someone (making coffee, clean up, etc.) to coordinate the weekly social, along with the hosts for the week. Please see Anita Ashton for more details or to volunteer. Watch the bulletin board for sign-up sheet for fall dates for hosts.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 2018



“BABYLON”

“Daniel’s Courage in Captivity”

Sunday, July 8th – Thursday, July 21st

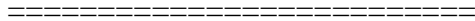
6:00-8:30 p.m.

We will be closing VBS with a party on Thursday evening.
Ages 3 years – 5th Grade

Pastor’s VBS Bible Study for teens and adults:
“Wacky and Wild Bible Stories You’ve
Probably Never Heard Of Until Now”



Registration forms for children and adults are
available online and on the pamphlet rack.
Please sign up early.



ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY VBS OPPORTUNITY

ALL ARE INVITED

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
839 W. MARKET ST.

will be having their VBS program,
Monday – Thursday, June 18-21

Kindergarten -5th grade – 6:00-8:30 p.m.

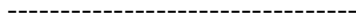
Preschool Age - Ages 3 to 5 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

(5 years old who have not completed kindergarten)

Register by Monday, June 11 to ensure space!

To register visit: www.myvbs.org/stmatthew2018

Questions? Contact Stephanie Johnson at sjohnson@stlatt.org or
church office 717-845-2721 ext 110



Summer Book Club!

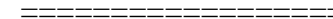


The St. James Bookworms are launching our
summer book reading list and dates we will be
meeting in the parlor. All are welcome to attend!

June 20th we will meet at 11:00 a.m. to discuss: “**The Great
Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why**” by
Phyllis Tickle

July 25th we will meet at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the book: “**I
Thought It Was Just Me (but it isn't): Making the Journey
from "What Will People Think?" to "I Am Enough"**
by Brene’ Brown

August 22nd we will meet at 11:00 a.m. to discuss: “**Out of Sorts:
Making Peace with an Evolving Faith**” by Sarah Bessey



“GROUP NEWS”



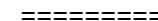
ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS will
meet on Thursday, **June 7th** at 11:30 a.m.
in the social room. Bring your own

sandwich, dessert (strawberries & ice cream) and beverage will be
provided. The afternoon’s program will be presented by Robert
Clofine (Elder Law). All are welcome, please come out and join
with us.

July 19th –Summer Covered Dish Picnic and “BINGO” at **St.
James, 11:30 a.m.** Bring a dish to share and “BINGO” prize or
two. Chicken and beverage will be provided.

August – NO Meeting

Sept. 6th – Corn Roast / BINGO





UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE SUNSHINE WORKERS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Monday, June 4**– 12 noon - Class Mtg.–Covered Dish – Soc. Rm.
- Monday, June 11** – “BINGO” at Kelly – 2PM
- Thursday, June 14** – Breakfast at Panera – 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 12** – Breakfast at Panera – 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, August 9** – Breakfast at Panera – 8:30 a.m.
- Monday, August 13** – “BINGO” at Kelly – 2PM
- Monday, August 27** – 12 Noon – Class Mtg. Cov. Dish, Soc. Rm.

SUNSHINE WORKERS will continue to sell Weis & Giant Grocery Gift cards during the summer. See Rosemary Rafferty.

NEXT BREAKFAST BLESSINGS – 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Saturdays, June 2nd & July 7th
Saturdays, August 4th & September 1st



Thank you to everyone for your continued support to the Breakfast Blessings. Thank you to the Sunshine Workers for your yearly sausage donation and to Weis Market for your partnership to our community outreach program. For the summer months we are in need of pop tarts, individual snack items, non-perishable canned foods, men's and women's deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, toilet paper, paper towels. Thank you again to everyone for your ongoing support to the Breakfast Blessings outreach program to our community.

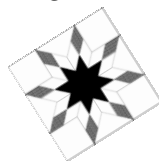
Thank you and God Bless, Breakfast Blessings

THE PEACEMAKERS –

Quilt making for Lutheran World Relief

Wednesdays, June 13th & August 8th – 3:00-7:30 p.m.
No Peacemakers in July due to VBS using Soc. Rm.

Peacemakers are in need of cotton flat sheets, full size or larger. Please contact Sue Martin for additional details.



**Summer Progressive Picnic
on August 18TH
All are invited!**

Picnic will begin with appetizers at Jim and Deb Meckley's home at 3pm, then move to Rod and Marie Drawbaugh's for the main course then onto Bill and Betty Lauer's' home for dessert and swimming. Please sign up on the Adams Street Bulletin Board. Please watch the weekly bulletin for more details.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS sponsored by Sunshine Workers

Thursday, August 2, 2018 – Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
“Wizard of Oz” (Adults - \$74, Children 12 & under - \$45)

Thursday, October 18, 2018– **Pennsylvania Opry & Fall Foliage**
Fall foliage festival in beautiful Cumberland Valley, and a good time at the PA Opry time enjoying your favorite music. - **\$87** –
Family Style meal at Keystone Diner & Show

Overnight trip flyers posted at Adams Street entrance.
Ark Encounter & Creation Museum – July 23-27, 2018
A Capital Christmas in D. C. – Dec. 7-9, 2018

For additional details and reservations for any of the above trips please contact Rosemary Rafferty, 1660 North Drive, Phone 717-767-2536 or 717-424-1776

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

Monday, August 13th will be the deadline for submitting news to be included in the September edition. Please submit in writing or by e-mail to secretary@stjamesyork.org



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2018 GRADUATES**



Chad Michael Starner graduated from Dallastown Area High School and will be attending Penn State University, main campus.

Olivia Ruth Ming Wu Drawbaugh graduated from York College with degree in Sports Management and a minor in Marketing.

Robert (Bobby) Bollinger graduated from Geneva College with a degree in Accounting and will be taking his CPA test this summer.

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Darr, Deborah, 1367 Wellington Dr., 17408

Colantino, Jennifer, 613 E. McPherson St., Apt. C

Knob Noster, MO 65336-1471

Hoff, Ernestine, 1920 Trolley Rd., Rm. 243, 17408-1004

Nale, Sharon, 520 Carriage Dr., Plain City, OH 43064-2109

Reis, Pastor Dee, Jim & Tara , 422 Dietz Estate Drive, 17404





IN SYMPATHY: *Our Lord says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted," [Matthew 5:4], we join in prayer and mourning for the loss of:*

Genevieve (Genny) Ketterman, May 2, 2018

We keep her loved ones, family, and friends in our prayers and ask that members please update your congregational directories.



Thank You notes as received:

To St. James Church: I want to thank the preacher for a good service for Sandy Markle. I know my brother and family were very please and thankful too. Thanks again. I hope I can soon get back to church. *Nancy Hoachlander, Betsy and family*



THANK YOU from the Stewardship Committee for your continued support of the blood drives. On May 5 we had 12 donors, who with their donations will help 36 people. This is a great outreach of support to our community. Also thank you to those members who give donations regularly at Apple Hill Medical Center (our number is 1098) or through the American Red Cross. This GIFT OF LIFE can only come from donors and cannot be manufactured. Thank you for your donations. Also a big thank you Barb Rhodes, who was with me during the donating time, and to Denny Wagner for the delicious cookies that the regular donors love. Thank you again for your support.

Deb Meckley, Stewardship Chairperson

Pastor Reis, It's not just that you do things, it's the wonderful way you do them! Thank you for the visit, flowers and the prayers.

Mary Dennis

M.O.M's Ministry of Meals – A ministry for those returning home from the hospital, rehab, outpatient surgery, etc., or have had a death in the family, or birth of a new baby, etc. Anyone experiencing any of the above or other illnesses and in need of having a meal provided is asked to please call the church office, 717-854-7198, or Barb Rhodes **717-698-7128**.



When you find yourself in the hospital either unexpectedly or for a planned stay, please let us know by contacting **Pastor Reis at 570-516-4282** the **church office at 717-854-7198**, or Council President, **Leah Strathmeyer at 717-676-7573**. To ensure that you will receive pastoral care while in the hospital, please inform the church office, the Pastor, or Leah.



HAPPY SUMMERTIME BIRTHDAY TO:



June 01

John Blessing
Leah Strathmeyer

June 02

Brady Ross

June 05

Faith Wittig

June 07

Cindy Rutkowski

June 12

Anthony Pirozzi

June 13

Bradley Rinehart

June 17

Deborah Darr

June 18

Christle Wittig

June 20

Michael Boyer

June 21

James Schroyer

June 23

Ann Bridge

June 24

Michael Zinn, Jr.

June 29

Janice Sewell

June 30

Rodney Drawbaugh

June 30

Jacob Drawbaugh

July 03

Chad Starner

July 04

Barbara Keeney

July 05

Matthew Zinn

July 06

Andrew Kramer

July 09

Sherri Jennings

July 15

Kenneth Gerrick

July 15

Bethany Drawbaugh

July 17

Jean Ashton

July 20

Charles A. Slenker

July 21

Barbara Eline

July 23

Charlotte Hoke

July 24

Debra Meckley

July 24

Donna Orris

JULY continued

July 24

Colleen Snyder

July 25

Brandon Sheffer

July 27

Kelly Scott

July 28

Sara Elicker

July 28

Matthew Ensor

July 29

Shirley Trout

Aug. 02

Mark Hoover

Aug. 05

Treva Hovis

Aug. 06

Genevieve Ketterman

Aug. 06

Jackie Ryer

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. 14

Natalie Hoke

Aug. 14

Christine Ross

Aug. 16

Ava Boyer

Aug. 17

Jean Wetzel

Aug. 20

Brendan Ross

Aug. 21

Anita Ashton

Aug. 22

Beverly Ensor

Aug. 28

Bernard Kauffman

Aug. 29

Scott Rutkowski

Aug. 31

Barbara Barnhart



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:



The Stewardship Committee invites you to be on the lookout for our new online giving option through the VANCO Company. Several months ago the church council voted to offer an additional way for people to give to the church through an online giving option for anyone who chooses to sign up and participate. [WE WILL STILL HAVE ENVELOPE GIVING AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT CHOOSE TO GIVE ONLINE!!!] We will be trying this option for a 12 month time period and assess if this is an option we want to continue. At the time of this writing, the paperwork through VANCO is being processed and should launch very soon. Please be sure to check the church bulletins and website for further info on the launch date.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – April, 2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Current Receipts –	\$20,018	\$44,549
Current Expenses	<u>\$22,076</u>	<u>\$52,323</u>
	[\$ 2,058]	[\$ 7,774]

(Current receipts DO NOT include Building Fund Receipts or Lenten Special)

Current Benevolence Receipts	\$ 849	\$ 1,673
Current Benevolence Disbursements	\$ 849	\$ 1,673

2018 “Nickels” the Lamb receipts to Wellspan Cancer Patient Help Fund

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The Lutheran Indian Ministries JJA

Tragic...Tragic...Tragic. In the Sunday edition of the York Sunday News dated April 22, 2018 it was reported a 50 year old homeless Navajo had been shot a dozer (12) times by two teenage boys as they came and went from a hotel party. The two apparently shot the Native American just “for fun.” The suspects were 15 and 17 years old. Gordon Yawakia, who works at the Albuquerque Indian Center who once was homeless himself, stated, “What do you do when people are against you and the authorities are against you and you’ve got nobody?”

Native Americans living on reservations can never own their own home as long as they live on reservations. They have to rent because of the rules that govern them on most of the reservations.

For young people living on the reservation, there are always the predators who come to sell heroin and other dangerous drugs. Many of those young people do not know God and do not believe anyone cares for them, as frequently many have “absentee” fathers or abusive fathers. How can they believe that the “White Man’s” God loves them and cares for them? With only 5% of Native Americans believing in Jesus, Lutheran Indian Ministries’ task is quite large.

Think of it! The size of Alaska is gigantic and many parts remote. There are only three Lutheran staff members there. Thankfully there are volunteers flown in to lead Vacation Bible School in the summer. The Navajo Nation located in the Southwest has one Native American pastor to serve this vast and spread out area.

The mission of the Lutheran Indian Ministries is too proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, disciple Native people, train them to bring disciples to Jesus, and provide a bridge to healing. They plant the seed, (believing in Jesus) and watch the seed grow and bear fruit, often one person at a time.

Please hold this ministry in your prayers. For more information go to www.LutheranIndianMinistries.org or call 888-783-5267 or



As your plan trips for summer the new National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC could be on the agenda. Visit at www.AmericanIndian.si.edu



This year, St. James will be represented at the ELCA national Youth Gathering by Jacob Drawbaugh, Tara Reis, and Pastor Reis, who will be attending with Union Lutheran youth from June 26th -July 2nd.

According to the website:

The theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, “This Changes Everything.” Our primary scripture will be Ephesians 2:8 “*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*”

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

[The}...logo is a visual representation of our theme and the 2018 Gathering experience. It incorporates the coming together of a mosaic to reflect the diverse host city of Houston, as well as the idea that we are a church where *all* are imperfect and incomplete, yet we each belong in – and have an important place in – God’s masterpiece. The cross at the center of the logo is the focus – it is God’s grace, through Christ’s life, death and resurrection that changes everything for all people.

In her book “Woo: Awakening Teenagers” Desire to Follow in the Way of Jesus,” Morgan Schmidt identifies the three central desires of teens. All youth desire: Someone to become; Somewhere to belong; Something to do [that changes the world]

...as young people desire and struggle to find someone to become, somewhere to belong and something to do, the Gathering seeks to be a ministry that helps define some of that or at least open up pathways of discovery. Ultimately, we want youth to understand the fierce love that God has for them, just as they are, and that by grace, through faith, they have been saved. When young people (or

really any age person!) truly claim this reality, it indeed changes everything.

Thank you to everyone for your prayer, financial support, and well wishes as we join over 30,000 youth and leaders from the ELCA who will participate in service projects, learning, worship, and fellowship with Lutheran’s from across our nation. We will be sure to prepare a presentation of our experience for the congregation.

