

St. James Lutheran Church

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

SEPTEMBER, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Exciting events and grace filled days are happening at St. James! Because of you, your family, and our congregational family, the gospel is being boldly proclaimed and the joy of God's grace in Christ is celebrated in marvelous ways. Indeed, through our ministry together, countless lives are being touched with the love of Christ.

As we look ahead to ministry as a family of faith at St. James, we are embarking on an initiative that will help us grow in ministry and ways we can bring connections with people and Christ. This initiative is a three-year discipleship and generosity growing opportunity for the whole congregation. Our ministry initiative is called ***“First, We Give of Ourselves”***. This emphasis will be a celebration of our ministry and growing in the delight of God's grace. As we consider the gift of grace in Christ, we will also explore the joy of our giving in grace.

This fall, the focus of ***“First, We Give of Ourselves”*** will be ***“Giving in Grace”***. We will explore together, the wonderful gift of God's grace in Christ and how it is the foundation of our discipleship and giving. Then in the fall of 2019, our focus will center around the second facet of our ministry initiative, ***“Giving in Gratitude”***. We will explore the spiritual nature of gratitude and how it encourages us to give of ourselves in response to God's grace in Christ. Then, in the fall of 2020, we will follow through with the focus of ***“Giving in Generosity”***. What does it mean to experience God's generosity and to give with generous hearts? These are questions that will engage our sense of discipleship and invite us to grow in the sharing of gifts for ministry. We are looking forward to this three-year period being a time of intentional growth in discipleship and generosity.

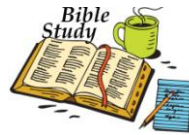
Our Kick-Off Sunday for *“First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Grace”* will be Sunday, September 30, 2018.

“Giving in Grace” All Congregation Bible Study
Another important element of this emphasis is a Bible Study entitled **“Giving in Grace”**.

Wednesdays: on 10/3; 10/10; 10/17; 10/24

Morning: Bible study at 11:00 a.m. or

Evening: Soup and Sandwich bible study beginning at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to be a part of these conversations.



Plan to be on hand in worship and join a “Giving in Grace” Bible Study this fall as we consider together how, *“First, We Give of Ourselves”*. How exciting it will be to grow together in discipleship and the joy of generosity.

Rejoicing in God’s Grace,
Pastor Dee



A Thank you the size of TEXAS to everyone who supported the trip to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. We partnered with the Youth from Union Lutheran Church, who we also share our confirmation program with during the regular Sunday School year.

The Theme was “This Changes Everything” where each day the focus was:

- Wednesday: God’s Call Changes Everything
- Thursday: God’s Love Changes Everything
- Friday: God’s Grace Changes Everything
- Saturday: God’s Hope Changes Everything
- Sunday: Jesus Changes Everything

We participated in Bible Studies, group activities centered around team and relationship building, worship, and service projects. We will follow up with Sunday school lessons that will help reinforce the Youth Gathering themes as well as do a presentation of our trip soon.

The youth are already making plans to attend the next Youth Gathering, in Minneapolis, MN June 29-July 3, 2021!

Christian Education



Faith Formation (Sunday School for ALL) starts up again on Sunday, September 16th – 10:30 a.m.!

A special note for our upcoming confirmation/teen students, there is a special curriculum we will be using this Fall based on the Youth Gathering lessons and Bible Studies so that will be an exciting reminder of their adventure, and a way for our upcoming confirmation students to be introduced to some of the great information that was part of the Gathering!

Adult Sunday School Kick-off Sunday, September 6, 2018

Sunday school kickoff will be Sunday September 16th with a movie and lunch starting at 10:30 a.m. The movie we will be watching is "I Can Only Imagine". Lunch will be provided after the movie. Signup sheet is located on the bulletin board. Please sign up by September 9th to reserve your seat.

Confirmation will begin on Sunday, September 16th. For the Fall Semester we will be meeting at St. James from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Fall semester dates are September 16, October 14, November 11, and December 9.



Some other Children, Youth, and Family activities to put on the calendar...

September 22 FAMILY EVENT –

West Side Church Alliance Music Extravaganza! Free music festival with food and games. Bring your lawn chair! 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. St. James, Union, and St. Matthew Lutheran churches are co-hosting this event! See Music Fest announcement located in this newsletter for more information.

Additional Youth Event: **ALIVE 2018**

An event for middle school youth, grades 6-7-8

Friends-Games-Worship- Faith Conversation –Campfire

Theme “Dear Hate...” Responding to hate in ways that reflect the love, grace and forgiveness we share in Christ.

Camp Nawakwa – September 28-30, 2018 - \$132

Any middle school youth interested in attending is ask to please contact the church office by September 7th

Additional information <https://www.lss-elca.org/alive>



“ News from your Prayer Chain Warriors”

We are still hard at work upholding those in need of urgent prayer. URGENT meaning: calling for immediate action. Examples: surgery, accident, unexpected incidents/turn of events.

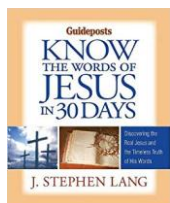
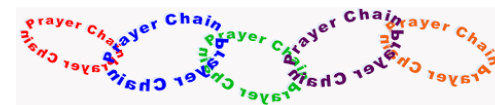
What we do. (1) Pray every day, sometimes many times a day, holding a request up to God. (2) Pray, believing we will receive. (3) Pray the Word of God. (4) Stand in agreement with you for desired results. (5) Always thank and praise God as we make our plea known. (6) Pray specifically concerning the request. (7) Understand God’s will may not agree with ours and submit to His will, which is far better than anything we can think to ask for.

What we need from you: (1) We are not the “prayers of the church.” The church office and Pastor is your contact for that. (2) Every two weeks, update the prayer chain on how the situation is progressing or not. It helps us to refine our prayers to be more helpful. “No updates” indicate that things are going well and will be removed from the prayer chain.

Your prayer warriors consider it an honor to be able to pray for you. We sincerely care about our brothers and sisters in Christ. One does not need to be a member of St. James to be placed on the prayer chain. We do not and will not gossip about who is on the prayer chain.

If you believe in prayer or not sure how to pray and feel led in our direction, pleas consider becoming one of our warriors.

Contact Barb Rhodes **717-698-7128.** with questions or concerns.



September 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Based on book:

“Know the Words of Jesus in 30 Days”

Beginning at 11:00 in the parlor

ALL ARE WECOME Please join with us



2018-2019 Social Hour
COORDINATOR - HOSTS



We are still in need of a **volunteer coordinator** to help us continue the ENJOYABLE SOCIAL HOUR TIME each week. Beginning September 16th we need someone (making coffee, cleaning 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.

A BIG THANK YOU TO: Our VBS Coordinator, Jeanie Rice; Pastor Reis and ALL teachers, workers, and helpers, who shared their talents and made VBS 2018 a great success. *Jeanie Rice, VBS Coordinator,* extends her thanks to ALL who helped in any way to make this year’s “*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL*” a successful experience.



ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE?



Volunteers are needed to visit our shut-ins and provide them with the Holy Eucharist.

What you do in this service is one of the most important and most appreciated acts of Christian love you could provide. Pastor Dee will be

having a re-organizational meeting of the current, and hopefully some new, Eucharistic ministers on Tuesday, September 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor.

All those interested are ask to please come with concerns, suggestions, and anything you would like to review or discuss. We will review the Shut-In List and distribute assignments as needed to balance the load of those you visit.

(Current Eucharistic Ministers should bring their kits along to refill. Those having kits and no longer want to serve are ask to please return their kits to the church office by Sept. 9th.)

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“GROUP NEWS”



ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS will meet for their annual CORN ROAST and “BINGO” on Thursday, **September 6th** at

11:30 a.m. in the social room. Corn, Hamburg BBQ and dessert will be provided. Please bring along one to two “BINGO” prizes. Come out and join with us, all are welcome!!

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UPCOMING EVENT FOR THE SUNSHINE WORKERS -

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Monday, August 27 – 12 Noon –Social Room

Covered Dish Picnic and Class Meeting

Sunshine Workers Breakfast at Panera

Thursday, September 13th at 8:30 a.m.

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

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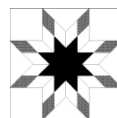
NEXT BREAKFAST BLESSINGS – 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 1st - Thank you to everyone for your continued support to the Breakfast Blessings. Please watch the bulletin for items that we will be collecting during the month of September.



Thank you and God Bless, Breakfast Blessings

THE PEACEMAKERS –

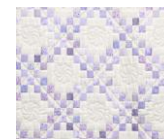


Quilt making for Lutheran World Relief and others.

Wednesday, September 12th – 3-7:30 p.m.

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

UPCOMING QUILT AUCTION



The Peacemakers have designed and made a beautiful full size quilt in memory of Joann Urey (and of course, it is PURPLE) that will be auctioned off through a sealed-bid auction.

(not actual quilt design)

Money raised through this auction will be given to the music ministry program of St. James in memory of Joann.

A beginning dollar amount bid will be set by the Peacemakers and they will begin receiving sealed bids on Sunday, September 16th and continue through Sunday, September 30th.

A **sealed-bid auction** is a type of **auction** process in which all bidders will submit a **sealed bid, over the set amount**, to the Peacemakers. Bidders will not know how much the other **auction** participants have **bid**. The highest bidder following the **closing of the auction at twelve noon on September 30th** will be announced on Ingathering/Blanket Sunday, October 7, 2018.

JOIN IN ON THE BIDDING FUN – Stop by the social room on bidding days, Sept. 16th, 23rd and 30th. The quilt will be on display and you can present your sealed bid to one of the Peacemakers available.

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

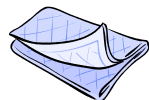


**Next Sandwich Sale, September 12th
Deadline to order September 2nd
Order forms on pamphlet rack.**



**Pickup will be Wednesday, September 12th
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm. and 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

FALL PROJECT: “INGATHERING”



Through Sunday, October 7th we will be collecting new, full size **blankets (60”x80”)** for Lutheran World Relief Ingathering on Sunday, October 7th.

Please no afghans or throws. A free-will offering will be received at the doors on October 7th to help defray the costs of shipping the blankets. Social Ministry Committee, as well as Lutheran World Relief, appreciates your help in this project. Thanks to all who participate.

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STEWARDSHIP FUNDRAISER:



We know ALL members of this congregation have one thing in common—**WE ALL LIKE TO EAT!** We invite you to help us with an upcoming fundraiser that will benefit St.

James by purchasing a meal/meals at OUR local Isaac’s Restaurant on White St, here in West York on

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

any time between 11:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Everyone who presents an Isaac’s flyer when paying for their meal/meals will have **25% of their food purchase come back to our church as fundraising profit. WOW!** All you had to do was come and eat. We hope to see many of you participate with this fundraiser. No cooking! No cleaning up! WOW!!!!

Flyers will be available near the bulletin board. at the Adams St. entrance to the church.



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:

Mary (Hovis) Dennis -- August 16, 2018

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

LIFE LINE SCREENING – OCTOBER 31, 2018

Life Line Screening, will be at St. James on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup—a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at**

www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

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TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – July 2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Current Receipts –	\$16,472	\$100,728
Current Expenses	\$16,443	\$119,814
	\$ 29	[\$19,086]
<i>(Current receipts DO NOT include Building Fund Receipts)</i>		
Benevolence Receipts	\$ 513	\$ 3,886
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***2018 “Nickels” the Lamb receipts to
Wellspring Cancer Patient Help Fun***



A Book Sale is being planned for 2019.

Members are ask to please start saving books, puzzles, puzzle books, etc. that they would like to donate to our next book sale. Watch the bulletin and upcoming newsletters for 2019 sale date and a time, in October 2018, when to start bringing books to the church and where to place them.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS sponsored by Sunshine Workers



Sign-up to enjoy a day at the 2018 York Fair
Monday, September 10th / Rain Date–
Wednesday, September 12th.

Free transportation – free admission –
No parking fees

Baily Coach will leave Dick’s Parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and return
at approx. 6:15 p.m. Please sign-up by August 28th.

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Pines Dinner Theater, Allentown, PA – Thursday, Sept. 20th
The Marvelous Wonderettes - \$73

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

A Capital Christmas in D. C. – Dec. 7-9, 2018 - \$418

American Music Theater Christmas Show
Wednesday, December 19th - \$70

Flyers for all posted on Adams Street Bulletin Board.

**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**

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PLEASE NOTE: Monday, September 10th will be the deadline for submitting news to be included in the October edition. Please submit in writing or by e-mail to secretary@stjamesyork.org by September 10th. This deadline will not be extended due to secretary being on vacation just prior to U. S. postal deadline of submitting bulk mailings to be delivered in a timely manner.



Thank You notes as received:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$73.12 (from Nickel’s the Lamb) to the Wellspan York Cancer Patient Help Fund.

This fund assists qualified patients with the necessities of daily living so they can focus on their treatments. Some of the necessities of daily living that this fund supports include rent, utilities and transportation costs. On behalf of the York Cancer Center and their patients, we thank you for your contribution. *Sincerely, Matthew Lane, Exe. Director*

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.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL who will be celebrating September birthdays.



- Sept. 01 Tyler Stock
- Sept. 02 Kayla Laird
- Sept. 03 Margaret Gross
- Sept. 04 Antonio Colantino
- Sept. 05 Jerrold May
- Sept. 06 James Reis
- Sept. 09 Jacob Gerrick
- Sept. 09 Christopher Hied
- Sept. 09 Zachary Snyder
- Sept. 10 Jeanie Rice
- Sept. 11 John B. Sauter
- Sept. 12 Shonna Cardello
- Sept. 12 Richard Mellon
- Sept. 17 Gloria Becker
- Sept. 18 Sara Hess
- Sept. 22 Steven Ferree
- Sept. 24 Sonja Hoke
- Sept. 24 Martha Nary
- Sept. 26 Marie Drawbaugh
- Sept. 27 Delores Bailey
- Sept. 27 Charles (Chuck) Reeder
- Sept. 27 Melissa Starner



A Free Celebration of Music and Community!

September 22, from 2:00-6:00 PM

***James E. Gross Memorial Park,
940 Parkway Blvd., York, PA
(formerly Lincoln Park)***

Food, games, and activities for children,
and lots of fantastic music including Soul and R&B,
Dominican Traditional Dance, Bluegrass,
Pop & Broadway, Celtic, Mexican, & much more!

*Featuring music from Bluestone, Cormorant's Fancy,
Sabrina Duke and Soji, Spanglish, Weary Arts Group,
and a choir including members of all 3 churches!*

Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets to relax
and spend some time enjoying the entertainment.

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