

St. James Lutheran Church

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

OCTOBER, 2018

“First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Grace”

How do you give in grace? This is the question we are exploring this fall at St. James. It is a question of discipleship and stewardship. It is a question that asks us to stop for a moment and consider why we give of our time, talents, spiritual gifts, and financial resources.

The Apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 8:5 describes the spiritual center of our giving. In describing the generosity of the Macedonian Christians, he says: “...they first gave themselves to the Lord.” Our giving, in whatever form, is the giving of ourselves as a response to God’s grace in Christ. “Giving in Grace” is the joyful sharing of what has been given to us through God’s abundant generosity.

There are two foundational reasons why we give. The first reason is that our giving in grace is a response to God’s gift of grace in Christ. It is a joyful and thankful response of delight for God’s rich gift to us. The second reason for our giving is that our ministries of St. James can continue to boldly grow in the proclamation of this gift of grace. “Giving in Grace” is sharing gifts in order that lives can be touched with the love and grace of God in Christ.

This fall, each member at St. James is being asked to consider why you give and how you might grow in your giving. Each member is asked to pray about what it might mean to first give of yourself and to give in grace.

As a guide to growth in financial giving, members at St. James are invited to consider the tithe or 10% of one’s income as a joyful response to God’s life changing gift of grace. If this is something that will need some time to grow into, an invitation is

extended to grow your **present giving by 10%**. In other words, if you are presently giving \$50 per week, an increase of 10% would be an additional \$5.00 added to the \$50.00, totaling \$55 per week.

Over these next few weeks, please enter into a time of prayer of how you can give of yourself, give in grace, and grow in sharing your gifts in response to God's own giving, in Christ, of a life transforming grace for you.

Serving Together in Christ,

Pastor Dee

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Upcoming Worship Events



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:
You are invited to bring your pet, anything that romps, scampers, flies, swims, creeps or slithers, to the Blessing of the Animals at St. James on Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will last

about 1/2 hour and will be held in the front lawn of the church (weather permitting) and in the Adult Sunday School Room in the case of inclement weather. By-standers are welcome.

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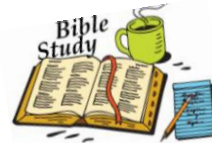
BISHOP JAMES DUNLOP of the Lower Susquehanna Synod will be joining us for worship on Sunday, October 21, 2018. He will be presiding over Holy Communion as well as visiting with us during the social time and Sunday School hour to share with us updates from the Synod as well as spending time with us. Please plan to join us!

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE! St. James is now offering another way to give to your church! If you are interested in participating in this program, you can log on to our church website and click the link for the online giving option and the computer will prompt you for every step of the process. If you don't have computer access or would like more information or help signing up, please contact the office and we will help you with information about it. **Not to worry, those who prefer to give their offering to the church using envelopes can still do so.** We are not getting rid of envelopes, just adding another way for people to give to St. James. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES have resumed and continued each week at 10:30 a.m.



Our "**First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Grace**" series will begin Sunday, September 30th followed by a mid-week All Congregation Bible Study "Giving in Grace" on Wednesdays during October. **OCTOBER 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th**

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 in worship and join a 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!

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Confirmands will meet on Sunday evening,
October 14th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
here at St. James.





2018-2019 Social Hour has resumed.

We are in need of people who are willing to prepare and clean-up coffee and prepare and clean-up the snacks for social hour. A sign-up sheet is available on the Adams Street Bulletin Board. You are able to sign-up for coffee/clean-up or snacks/clean-up or both. If you would like to sign-up for the coffee/clean-up but are unsure how this is done, please see Linda Kern. Your help is needed so this enjoyable social time can continue.



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“GROUP NEWS”



SUNSHINE WORKERS

Monday, October 1st - Social Room

Class Meeting /Refreshments

**Sunshine Workers “BINGO” at Kelly Manor
October 8th – 2PM –**

Volunteers needed to assist with this event.

Sunshine Workers Breakfast at Panera

Thursday, October 11th at 8:30 a.m.



SUNSHINE WORKERS continue to sell Weis & Giant Grocery Gift cards. See Rosemary Rafferty during Social Hour.

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ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS will meet on Thursday, **October 4th** at 11:30 a.m. in the social room. Bring your own sandwich, dessert and beverage will be provided. Entertainment will be provided by Josie (pianist) and Ron (vocalist.) Come out and join with us, all are welcome!! No dues to pay, only a free-will offering to help defray cost.

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

Saturdays, October 6th and November 3rd

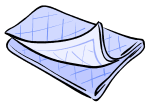
Our Breakfast Blessings continue to be busy. We are told by many who attend we have the best breakfast around. Everyone appreciates the hot meal we provide. Without each of you we wouldn't be able to accomplish this. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. Thank you to the Sunshine Workers for your yearly sausage donation and to Weis market for suppling most of the food and supplies. Items needed:



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| Sept. 30 th -October 13 th | Body wash |
| October 14 th – 20 th | Men and Woman's Deodorant |
| October 21 st – 27 th | Toothbrushes and toothpaste |
| October 28 th – Nov. 3 rd | Pop tarts and individual snack items |

SOCIAL MINISTRY INGATHERING PROJECT:

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 and Lutheran World Relief both appreciate your help in this project.



HARVEST HOME 2018 - We will be collecting non-perishable food items for Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, October 7th through Sunday, November 4th.

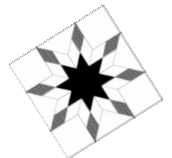
Thanks to all who participate in our Social Ministry projects.

THE PEACEMAKERS –

Quilt making for Lutheran World Relief

Wednesday, October 10th, 3-5:30 p.m.

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



DON'T FORGET - MARK YOUR CALENDAR and plan to attend the Family Style Turkey Dinner that will be held on

Saturday, October 20th, 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Take outs will start at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale:



Adults \$10, Children (6-10) \$4, Children through 5 – FREE

Please see Scott or Cindy Rutkowski to purchase tickets or call Cindy at 717-515-4579 to reserve your tickets.

Donations of cakes and pies for desserts would be appreciated. Please drop donations off on Friday October 19th 3-6:00 p.m. or Saturday morning October 20th after 11am.

Sign-up sheet will be located on Adams Street bulletin board if you are interested in volunteering to help.

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The Hospitality & Evangelism committee is hosting a **TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT** in the church parking lot on Monday October 29th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for the children in our community to have a safe fun night of trick or treating.



Anyone willing to participate should park their car in the lot and hand out candy or snacks of your choice from your trunk. You can choose to have a fun game for the children to play. You can decorate your cars and wear costumes. Anyone wanting to participate in this outreach community program for the children and have a fun night please signup on the Adams street bulletin board by October 21st

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.

Check the bulletin board for some Friends & Family Coupons.

Register online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:



Next Sandwich Sale: November 7th

Order forms will be available on

pamphlet rack. Deadline to order October 28th



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SAVE THE DATE:



From Hospitality and Evangelism

Gingerbread House Making

and Lunch

Sunday, December 2, 2018

11:30 AM

Watch for additional details.

Don't Miss the



Monday, October 15th will be the absolute deadline for submitting news to be included in the November edition. Please submit in writing or by e-mail to secretary@stjamesyork.org

UPCOMING BUS TRIP sponsored by Sunshine Workers

American Music Theater Christmas Show

Wednesday, December 19th - \$70

Flyers for all posted on Adams Street Bulletin Board.

For additional details and reservations please contact

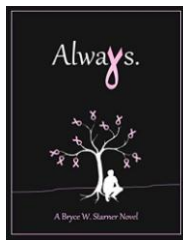
Rosemary Rafferty, 1660 North Drive,

Phone 717-767-2536 or 717-424-1776

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Special Announcement:

Bryce Starner is officially a published author!



The book, “Always”, is dedicated in memory of his beloved grandfather, William Starner, who passed away several years ago from metastatic prostate cancer. It was also during that time when Pastor Brenda lost her fight to cancer as well.

Through his grief, Bryce penned a fictional novel that highlights his character’s journey through a cancer diagnosis, profound loss, tested faith, depression, renewed faith and ultimately the value of living a God centered purposeful life.

“Always” can be found on Amazon for \$12.95 and is also available to upload electronically, simply search “Bryce W. Starner novel, ALWAYS”.

100% of the proceeds, of the sale of the book will be equally divided between the two causes that are nearest and dearest to Bryce’s heart, The York Cancer Patient Help Fund and the Penn State THON initiative for Pediatric Cancer Research.

In the acknowledgement section of the book, Bryce shares his gratitude for the love and support of our St. James congregation. Please consider purchasing one for yourself and/or for a friend! Bryce will be home over the holiday breaks and would be happy to autograph your copies if interested. If you do not have access to Amazon and would like to place an order, please contact Jeff or Missy and we will pace the order for you.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Boyer, Henrietta, New room # at Country Meadows, # 111
Meckley, Tom, 2226 Chestnut Rd., York, 17408

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.

TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – August 2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Current Receipts –	\$11,706	\$112,434
Current Expenses	<u>\$13,434</u>	<u>\$133,248</u>
	[\$ 1,728]	[\$20,814]

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

Current Benevolence Receipts	\$343	\$ 4,229
Current Benevolence Disbursements	\$ 343	\$ 4,229

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

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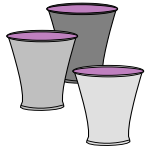


**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY
to the following members”**

- 10/01 Ralph W. Ashton, Jr.
- 10/02 Michael Smith
- 10/03 Anna (Gaye) Lauer
- 10/03 Lori Uhrich
- 10/04 Dustin Besore
- 10/04 Dennis Wagner
- 10/05 Rickey R. Ashton
- 10/06 Thomas M. Henry
- 10/07 Gary Brenneman
- 10/08 Jennifer Kahley Colantino
- 10/08 Phyllis Stevens-Ehrhart
- 10/09 Charles Markle
- 10/09 Jimmy Lee Smith
- 10/12 Nancy Hoachlander
- 10/12 Olivia Ruth Drawbaugh
- 10/14 Emily Jean Jennings
- 10/15 Joan Boyer
- 10/15 Linda Gilkey
- 10/17 Kathie S. Hoffman
- 10/17 Susan Orris
- 10/19 Carolyn Klinedinst
- 10/22 Thomas J. Meckley
- 10/27 Kenneth Hoke
- 10/31 Aurela Wilhelm



**Flowers & Bulletins
Communion Cups
Communion Wine**



Sponsorship sign-up sheets for 2019

CHARTS WILL BE AVAILABLE on the Adams Street bulletin board on **Sunday, October 7th**. Please sign up early to reserve your special dates in **2019** to honor or memorialize a loved one.

PLEASE USE THE CORRECT CHART FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP

FLOWER CHART for flower sponsors– \$32 per week
(**Please note:** Prices are subject to change anytime throughout the year.)

PLAIN CHART FOR *bulletin* sponsors- \$15.00

**COMMUNION CUP CHART FOR
Communion cup sponsors - \$15.00**

**COMMUNION WINE CHART FOR
Communion wine sponsors - \$15.00**

Please note that all charts are marked and the dates on the new charts are for **2019** only.

